Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

The sovereignty of God – His ultimate power and authority over all things – is repeatedly and emphatically declared throughout Scripture. His sovereignty reveals that He alone is worthy of worship; it reminds us that He alone is to be feared; it exhorts us to submit to His will; it encourages us to remember that we are never alone; it comforts us to know that His redemptive plan will never falter or fail; and it emboldens us to obey His commands no matter the sacrifice or consequence.

Consider some of the many ways in which God exercises His sovereign control:

- He is sovereign over everything (Job 42:2; Ps.103:19, 115:3; Dan.4:35, 7:13-14; Eph.1:11).
- He is sovereign over Satan and angels (Job 1:9-12; Ps.103:20-21; Mk.1:27; Acts 10:38; Rev.13:7).
- He is sovereign over the natural world (Job 37:10-14; Ps.135:6-7; Matt.5:45; 6:25-30; Mk.4:39).
- He is sovereign over history-past, present and future (Is.46:10; Dan.2:21, 28).
- He is sovereign over the nations (2 Chron.20:6; Job 12:23; Ps.22:28, 33:10-11, 47:7-9; Acts 17:26).
- He is sovereign over human rulers and governments (Ezra 1:1; Prov.21:1; Is.40:23; Dan.4:34-35; Rom.9:17).
- He is sovereign over the lives of men (1 Sam.2: 6-7; Ps.139:16; Prov.16:9, 19:21; Lam.3:37; Gal.1:15-16; Jms.4:15).
- He is sovereign over the animal world (1Kngs.17:4-6; Ps.104:21-30; Jon.1:17).
- He is sovereign over seeming chance and minute details (Prov.16:33; Jon.1:7; Matt.10:29-30).
- He is sovereign over the safekeeping of His children (Ps.4:8, 5:12; Rom.8:28, 38-39).
- He is sovereign over personal needs (Matt.10:29-31; Phil.4:19).
- He is sovereign over calamity and trials (Eccl.7:14; Is.45:7; Lam.3:38; Amos 3:6).
- He is sovereign over death and disease (Ex.4:11; Deut.32:39).
- He is sovereign in answering prayer (Matt.6:8; Phil.4:6-7).
- He is sovereign over the wicked deeds of sinful men (Gen.45:5-8, 50:20).
- He is sovereign in bringing the wicked to justice (Ps.7:11-12; Prov.16:4; Rom.12:19).

Do you truly believe that God is absolutely and eternally sovereign (not "mostly" or "sometimes" or "kind of" sovereign)? To be sure, believing in God's sovereignty does not *make* God sovereign (any more than doubting His sovereignty makes Him not sovereign). God alone is God, and His divine nature and attributes cannot be diminished, distorted or destroyed. But what we believe about the sovereignty of God will definitely shape how we perceive Him, worship Him and follow Him as God. For an impotent and diminutive god is neither awe-inspiring nor fear-inducing. In fact, if God is anything less than sovereign, He is not God.

Together in and for Christ, Pastor David (9/8/25)

Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #36): Numbers 13-16; 1 Chronicles 20-24; Psalm 105-107; Proverbs 22; Joel; John 13-15; 2 Timothy 3-4 Recommended Reading:

"The Knowledge of the Holy" by A.W. Tozer