



## **Clear Bible Truth on God's Sovereignty - II**

### **God's Sovereignty Defined and Distinguished**

“...when they knew God, they glorified him not as God...but became vain in their imaginations...” (Romans 1:21)

Natural awareness of God is common to man, Paul argued. Man knows God exists, deserves to be obeyed and will be faced at the end of life. Saying, "when they knew God" he meant they were aware of God. Had they known God, been instructed in His Person and Works, they would have glorified Him as God. The universality of religion isn't due to men seeking God; rather, man will not have God as He is and therefore seek to replace or redefine Him. It's unknown to man that God is absolute in His Sovereignty. Religion, which denies God's sovereignty, is absolute vanity or foolishness.

#### **Sovereignty Defined**

God has absolute rule and authority over His creation. God possesses unlimited liberty and power. God works and no man hinders. God possesses the right and power of dominion over His creatures. He determines for or against them, as He pleases. God does as He wills with animate and inanimate things. God is Supreme. God is Potentate of potentates and Governor of governors. God is the disposer of His perfect will. God is the original and first cause of all things. God is the Almighty and the Most High. God behaves Himself as God; God cannot behave Himself in any other way. God is under no rule outside Himself. God is the Lord of lords. God is sovereign in predestination, creation, history, providence, salvation, reprobation, judgment and eternity. In infinite wisdom, God works.

## **Sovereignty Distinguished**

Sovereignty isn't fatalistic. Fatalism believes all events are subject to mindless determinism and blind inevitability. Fatalism leaves man irresponsible and the wise God disassociated. Fatalism is a philosophy that opposes biblical theology. Sovereignty and fatalism are not compatible views of God or life. Fatalism reasons: recovery from an illness is fated whether or not I call a doctor; so, it's futile to call a doctor. Sovereignty says God has wisely provided the doctor, the skill and the remedy, so call the doctor and trust the Sovereign God.

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" (Romans 11:36)

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