



Clear Bible Truth on God's Sovereignty - III

God's Sovereignty and His Knowledge

“The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand” (Isaiah 14:24)

God is solely the infinitely complete Being in the universe. No part of His person or character is marred by imperfection. God is sovereign in the exercise of all of His attributes. Sovereignty can't be grasped apart a biblical understanding of God's knowledge. Consider three thoughts that link God's infinite knowledge and absolute sovereignty.

God's Knowledge and Immutability – Being eternal, God has known all He knows from eternity. Being unchangeable or immutable, God cannot decrease or increase in knowledge. A mutable being couldn't be a sovereign being; for such a being wouldn't even be ruler over himself. And, what a mutable being determines is true today; he might determine to be a lie tomorrow. Contrarily, the apostle said: “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2). Eternal life is dependent God's immutable sovereignty. God stated of Himself: “For I am the LORD, I change not” (Mal 3:6). God can't cease to be sovereign.

God's Knowledge and Predestination – Predestination means God eternally purposed and marked off His actions. Since God knows what He purposed, His knowledge governs His predestination. Wasn't David in sovereignty predestined to be Israel's king and psalmist? And, he concluded God knew him because He made him. “You know my sitting down and mine uprising, you understand my thought afar off...My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret...” (Ps 139:2, 15).

God's Knowledge and Omnipotence – God is unlimited in knowledge and power. Sovereignty means God freely exercises His power to accomplish what He predestined. Isaiah clearly spoke: “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure” (Isa 46:10). Three phrases - “the end from the beginning”, “My counsel” and “I will do all my pleasure” - link God’s eternity, infinite knowledge and sovereign power.

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