



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

### **God's Sovereignty and Creation**

Why did the infinitely sovereign God create the world? What was or is God's purpose in creation? Particularly, why did God create man? Preachers, like Billy Graham, have said it's because God desired fellowship. Is that the Bible's answer? No, but the Bible provides an answer.

In the origins of the universe, preceding Genesis, when "the earth was without form, and void" (Gen 1:2), in the immense expanse of time, God was sovereign over His creation. No angels voiced God's praises, no rebels attempted escaping His presence and no sin begged His forgiveness. God filled eternity. In the vast emptiness, God felt no loneliness, distress or compulsion. The question remains, why did God create?

#### **It was His eternal purpose –**

"being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph1:11); "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed..." (Eph 3:11)  
Being free of any influence and subject to no need in Himself, God created.

#### **It was for His own glory –**

This is a very large subject, let me divide it:

1st, The heavens/earth - "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Ps 19:1); "the glory of the celestial is one, and the terrestrial is another" (1 Cor 15:40)

2nd, Mankind -

Of every man - "he is the image and glory of God" (1 Cor 11:7)

Of the effectually called - "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him" (Isa 43:7); "for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory" (Heb 2:10)

**It was to demonstrate grace -**

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

This is a statement of summation and conclusion. Romans brilliantly demonstrates salvation is altogether and exclusively by God's grace conditioned singularly on Christ.

What do I mean, conditioned on Christ? First, forgiveness, justification, etc were impossible apart from justice satisfied and righteousness fulfilled. Secondly, man was unable to accomplish this. Thirdly, Christ did all the obeying and the sovereign Father did all the justifying (Rom 8:33-34).

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