



## Clear Bible Truth on God's Sovereignty - VIII

### God's Sovereignty and Mankind

“For in him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28)

Paul made this encompassing declaration not to a congregation or church council but to the Athenian philosophers, Stoic moralists and Epicurean a-moralists. He knew this heathen audience would scoff at the truth of monotheism, much less sovereignty. Yet, that's where he began. The expression asserts Jehovah God is the source of life; that nothing and no one escapes His providence and infinite dominion. We see this:

**In creation and Adam** - "out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them" (Gen 2:19)

**In Egypt and Pharaoh** - "...for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth" (Ex 9:16)

**In Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar** - "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" (Dan 4:35)

**In Persia and Cyrus** - "Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:11)

**In Persia-Media and Ahasuerus** - "in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)" (Esther 9:1)

**In Jerusalem and Rome** - "For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done" (Acts 4:27-28)

Beloved, it is not different in the 21st century. He yet reigns and is doing His will. Our very existence and "being" are according to His sovereignty

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