

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY – 2

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PS. 50:21 HCSB

To try to understand God's sovereignty while thinking God is like us is dangerous. **NUM. 23:19** God is not limited in knowledge as we are. He never makes a promise He can't keep and never says anything He doesn't follow through on.

The Proper View

God is supreme in authority. He can do what He wants, when He wants, how He wants, if He wants. So, in order to make it possible for us to have faith in Him, He established limits for Himself in His dealings with us. These limits or boundaries serve as an anchor for our soul. **Heb. 6:13-19 NLT**

Boundaries JER. 5:20-22 NLT

God established boundaries for angels, man, nature, and Himself. When He says, "By myself have I sworn", He sovereignly set limits for how He would deal with man.

- **GEN. 9:11** – God limited Himself by making a covenant with Noah.
- **MAL. 3:6 NLT** – If God could break His promise, Israel would have been destroyed. What promise?
- **GEN. 15:7-14 NLT, GEN. 17:1-8 NLT** To remove any doubt, God swore by an oath and sealed His promise with animal blood. **ROM. 4:17-21**
- **HEB. 11:17-19 NLT, GEN. 22:1-18 NKJV** Talk about an anchor for the soul? He knew God had to raise him from the dead.

Be Angry, But Sin Not EX. 32:7-14 NLT

Even when God wanted to destroy His people because of their rebellion, He couldn't because of His promise. So, He repented. God set limits for Himself on purpose for this very reason.

Is God in Control? EZ. 33:11 NLT

God doesn't control the decisions people make. His will can be ignored. If God was in control and His will was always done, why would we pray "Thy will be done"?

In Summary

- When a sovereign God swears by an oath, He is obligated to perform His Word.
- He sets limits for Himself so we can have faith in Him.
- He allows us to choose between life and death.
- If God was in control of us, His will would always be done. “Thy will be done” would be unnecessary.
- God’s will is not always done.
- Everything happens for a reason, but that reason is not always what God desires.

Conclusion JOHN 8:31-32

Having a distorted view of God’s sovereignty creates:

- Confusion: Is God behind all catastrophic events and sickness?
- Distance: Who wants to draw close to a God who authors destruction?
- Victims: We all are victims of His destructive ways.
- Theological Contradictions: **JOHN 10:10**
- An improper view of God: **JOHN 1:18 AMPC, JOHN 14:9** Our God is not controlling manipulative, demoralizing, or humiliating. He’s loving, compassionate, forgiving, giving and merciful. **JAMES 1:17** says it all!