

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

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INTRO: When bad things happen and people don't know why a word emerges to explain the problem away-sovereignty. A term which refers to God's supreme authority, power, and control over all things. Preachers love this word because it's an easy answer to: a snowstorm that hits Kansas and leaves 15 dead, a hurricane that devastates New Orleans, a tsunami that takes 250,000 lives, or a flood that claimed the lives of so many in Texas. This "God is sovereign" mentality is usually followed by quoting out of context **ROMANS 8:28**. If someone doesn't get healed, the same scenario is repeated. So, what's the truth?

Creation PS. 103:19

God created the heavens and the earth and upholds all things by the word of His power. Without Him, the world as we know it would be no more. But notice **PS. 115:16**. God "in His sovereignty", has granted humanity dominion over the earth (**GEN. 1:28**).

Sovereignty Boundaries HEB. 6:13-20

God has established boundaries for how He deals with man. For Him to step outside the boundaries He established would make Him a liar. These boundaries enable us to have faith. Abraham asked God if He could be trusted. So, God cut the covenant with Abraham and swore by Himself to keep every word of the covenant. Confirm—to remove doubt by an authoritative act or indisputable fact, **JER. 31:35-37**

God Can't Lie NUM. 23:19, PS. 89:34, TITUS 1:1-2

God being sovereign can't override the promise He made to Noah. **1 KGS 8:56** God is a promise keeper. **JOSH 21:45** God stands behind His Word.

Salvation 1 TIM. 2:4, MT. 7:13

If sovereignty means God is in complete control of everything, then why isn't His will in salvation being accomplished? The answer is found in **DEUT. 30:19**. God in His sovereignty made man a free moral agent. God has provided many signs to influence a person to get off the path to Hell: The Cross, the conviction of the spirit, His Word, and the witness of others. The choice is up to the individual. God must save even the worst sinner!

Healing PS. 103:1-5

Healing is more than a covenant promise, it's a statement of fact. Jesus redeemed us from every sickness known to man-**DEUT. 28:59-61, GAL. 3:13-14**,

1 PET. 2:24. God, even in His sovereignty can't withhold healing anymore than He can withhold salvation from one who calls upon the Name of Jesus.

Conclusion

God is the sovereign ruler of the universe. In His sovereignty, He chose to deal with man within the boundaries of the New Covenant. By knowing that it's impossible for God to lie, and knowing that God has sworn by an oath, we can remove any doubt and develop strong faith in God.