



## Sermon Notes: Sovereign God

### 1. The Meaning of God's Sovereignty.

As the Creator and Lord of all things, God possesses the freedom, power, and authority to do whatever he wills

### 2. Some Implications of God's Sovereignty.

a. God is in complete control of the physical universe, all of human history, and salvation.

b. God is sovereign over everything.

c. God's sovereignty is constrained by all his other attributes.

### 3. Our Response to God's Sovereignty.

a. Give God everything he's worthy of.

b. Let your frustrations and accusations melt into hope.

c. Partner with him in his mission.



## Gospel Applications: Sovereign God

1. What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of the sovereignty of God?
2. How have you personally observed the sovereignty of God at work in the circumstances of your life? Do feel mostly positive or negative toward God's sovereignty? Explain.
3. Assuming the Creation account of Genesis 1-2 is true – meaning God is the self-existent Creator of everything else that exists – what are some implications of that story in terms of his sovereignty?
4. In light of #3, what are some worldview-related reasons why people have tried to find an alternate explanation for the origin of the universe? Philosophically/theologically, what do you think they might be trying to avoid? How might it help your witness to recognize this?
5. What are some reasons why it might be important for God to have *both* all power *and* all authority?
6. In practice, what do you live *as if* God is not sovereign over? How does that false assumption express itself?
7. What are some things God uses his sovereignty to accomplish? What is it that no one can hinder/stop him from doing?
8. How are your answers to #7 different than how our culture views the concept of God's sovereignty? What are some things the people around you probably assume about how/why God uses his power and control?
9. How does the sovereignty of God teach you to think about the obstacles, trials, and pains in your life?
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?