



SEMESTER 2 - WEEK 3

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD [PART 2]

"What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

- A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

Why should we study the attributes of God?

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Sovereignty - God rules over all.

"God's dominion is total: he wills as he chooses and carries out all that he wills, and none can stay his hand or thwart his plans."

J.I. Packer, Concise Theology: A Guide to Historic Christian Beliefs

"God is sovereign, and his sovereignty is both exhaustive (covering the whole sweep of history) and meticulous (every detail is planned and regulated)."

Bruce A. Ware, God's Greater Glory: The Exalted God of Scripture and the Christian Faith

God Rules Over:

- His creation [**Genesis 1; Exodus 7-10; Job 38-41; Luke 8:22-25; Revelation 20:11; 21:1**]
- His earthly creatures [**Genesis 2:19; 7:8-9; Exodus 16; Psalm 50:7-15; Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 7:26; Isaiah 65:25**]
- His heavenly creatures [**Genesis 19:13; Nehemiah 9:6; Revelation 19:10; Matthew 4:11; 26:53**]
- Fallen spiritual creatures [**Job 1; Matthew 4:10; Luke 4:41; Revelation 20**]
- Nations [**Genesis 11; Isaiah 10:5-19; 47; Daniel 11; Acts 17:26; Revelation 19:15**]
- Individuals [**Exodus 11:3; Daniel; Isaiah 44:28; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28**]



- The hardness of the hearts of individuals [**Exodus 7-11; Deuteronomy 2:30; Joshua 11:20; John 12:37-40; Jeremiah 17:9-10**]
- His people's salvation [**Exodus 33:19; Isaiah 43:1-3; Ephesians 1-2; Romans 9**]
- His people's lives [**Isaiah 43:21; Ephesians 2:10; the Lord**]
- Circumstances [**Genesis 50; Isaiah 45:5-7; Acts 2:23, 13:29**]
- All things [**Psalms 103:19; 115:3; 135:6; Isaiah 46:10; Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:28**]



IMPLICATIONS OF GOD'S RULE

“There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God’s sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that sovereignty overrules them, and that sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children ought more earnestly to contend than the doctrine of their Master over all creation—the kingship of God over all the works of His own hands—the throne of God and His right to sit upon that throne.” (Spurgeon) *A.W. Pink, The Attributes of God*

- **Human Accountability/Responsibility**
- **Evangelism**
- **Prayer**
- **Rejoicing/Suffering**
- **Past/Present/Future Circumstance**

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QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. How should I shepherd my heart with thoughts about the sovereignty of God?
2. Are there any circumstances in my life where I have not recognized God's sovereignty, and I need to pursue contentment and joy in Him?
3. Do I see any evidence of pride, self-reliance, or self-will in my heart that needs to be forsaken as I humble myself under God's good rule in my life?

