

The Sovereignty of God

The sovereignty of God may be defined as the exercise of His supremacy.

- ◆ He is the Most High
- ◆ Subject to none
- ◆ Influenced by none
- ◆ Absolutely independent

Scripture used:	Context:
Isa. 46:10 Dan. 4:35	God will accomplish all None can change His plan
Eph. 1:11	Predestined according to His purpose
Matthew 20:15	Doesn't God have the right to be God
Psalm 135:6 Psalm 115:3	He does as He pleases

He sovereignly chose to place each of His creatures on that particular footing which seemed good in His sight. He created angels: some He placed on conditional footing, others He gave an unchangeable standing before Him.

1 Timothy 5:21

The angels that sinned were as much His creatures as the angels that sinned not. 2 Peter 2:5

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Col. 2:10	Christ is the head and rule over all.
Isa. 45:9	Can the pot say to the potter, why have you made me like this?
Exodus 19, 20 & 24	Israel was put on a conditional footing
Gen. 2:16	What right did Adam have to eat of the trees of the garden? The Creator! Without which he would have been a thief.
Exodus 12:35-36 Exodus 3:22	What right did the Israel have to borrow the Egyptian Jewels? None unless God had authorized it.
Isa. 53:10-12	The footing of Christ was conditional and the footing of the believer is unconditional. The reward of Christ is to share in Gods glory.

Because He took our place, we now share His. His righteousness is ours, His standing before God is ours, His life is ours. There is not a single condition for us to meet, not a single responsibility for us to discharge in order to attain our eternal bliss. "By one offering He has perfected forever them that are set apart." Hebrews 10:14 (read through 10:14 – 17)

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Luke 12:32	The "little flock" has been given an unchanging footing.
2 Timothy 2:19	It is the "firm foundation" that the Christian stands.

Eccl. 3:14	Nothing can be added or taken from the work of God.
Romans 9:18	He will have mercy on whom He has mercy, and He will harden whom He hardens

Here is the highest and grandest display of God's sovereign will: "so then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires."

If God ceases to be sovereign, He ceases to be God.

"If any man ascribes anything of salvation even the very least thing, to the free will of man, he knows nothing of grace, and he has not learned Jesus Christ rightly."

Martin Luther

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