

Lesson 2: How God's Sovereignty Affects Us

Objective: Understand the impact of God's sovereignty on our daily lives.

Key Verse:

- **Proverbs 3:5–6**
 - ***KJV*:** “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart... and he shall direct thy paths.”
 - ***AMP*:** “Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart... He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles].”
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Warmup Questions:

1. Have you ever had to trust someone completely to handle something important?
 2. Do you believe God is in control of everything, even the small things in your life?
 3. What area of your life is hardest to surrender to God's control?
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I. Four Ways God's Sovereignty Affects Us

1. Trust & Confidence

- **Proverbs 19:21**
 - ***KJV*:** “There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.”
 - ***AMP*:** “Many plans are in a man's mind, But it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand [be carried out].”

2. Comfort in Trials

- **Romans 8:28**
 - ***KJV*:** “...all things work together for good to them that love God...”
 - ***AMP*:** “...all things work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God...”
- **Job 42:10**
 - ***KJV*:** “And the Lord turned the captivity of Job... and gave him twice as much...”
 - ***AMP*:** “The Lord restored the fortunes of Job... and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

3. Encourages Worship & Submission

- **Isaiah 55:8–9**

- **KJV:** “For my thoughts are not your thoughts... my ways higher than your ways...”
- **AMP:** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways... For as the heavens are higher... so are My ways higher...”

4. Motivates Evangelism

- **John 6:44**
 - **KJV:** “No man can come to me, except the Father... draw him...”
 - **AMP:** “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him...”
 - **Philippians 1:12-14 (Paul in prison still sharing the Gospel)**
 - **KJV:** “...the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel.”
 - **AMP:** “...my imprisonment has actually served to further the spread of the good news [regarding salvation].”
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II. Historical Example: Rise & Fall of Nations (Daniel 2:21)

- **KJV:** “...he removeth kings, and setteth up kings...”
 - **AMP:** “It is He who changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings...”
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Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing God is in control change the way you deal with problems?
2. What part of your life do you need to trust God with more fully?
3. How can you encourage others to trust in God's sovereign plan?