

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Romans 11:33-36 “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”

Quote: “Often times God demonstrates His faithfulness in adversity by providing for us what we need to survive. He does not change our painful circumstances. He sustains us through them.” Charles Stanley

The panoply of God’s Sovereignty is displayed in every area of life. Our brief considerations cannot possibly do justice to a theme so pervasive and grand. Each category deserves its own study, and each sample text does not scratch the surface. Take the time to read the Scriptures and rejoice! He is King!

God is sovereign over the passage of men from their birth to their death. We can have the blessed assurance that our departure from this life is under God’s control. When our Creator/God beckons, nothing can keep us here.¹

God is sovereign over the predestination of men from salvation to glorification. Christ’s high priestly prayer in John 17 is a glorious tribute to God’s sovereignty.²

God is sovereign in the preparation and polishing of His servants. Paul’s thorn was an investment in him for present effectiveness and for eternal rewards.³

God is sovereign over the prosperity, prestige & power of individuals. Learn to be content in whatever condition or circumstances He places you.⁴

God is sovereign over the pathway of men down to their very steps.⁵ Joseph is but one example of how God uses even the evil desires of others to direct His will for His people.

God is sovereign over the placement of governments.⁶ We could see this illustrated in Daniel 4 with Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel 5 with his blasphemous son, Belshazzar. Isaiah 45:4-7 references Cyrus, King of Persia whom God called “His anointed.” Similar illustrations of God’s sovereign control of governments that do not fear Him could be given from Exodus with the Egyptians, II Chronicles 20 with the Moabites and Ammonites, Isaiah 10 with the Assyrians, and Habakkuk 1 with the Chaldeans. Romans 13:1 “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is *no* authority except from God, and *the authorities that exist are appointed by God.*” Rest assured that *God’s choice will be appointed to fulfill God’s purposes around the world as well as in Washington!*

God is sovereign over our particular, distinguishing characteristics. We are all different by Divine design.⁷ Nick Vujicic (voY-chich) is an Australian who was born without arms or legs. He said that nothing could cause him to want limbs in place of the open door his condition provides to share his testimony of faith and hope to thousands. Hymn writer Fanny Crosby likewise saw her blindness as God’s blessing!

God is sovereign over the provision of men.⁸ Don’t be greedy to get more. Be grateful and give more!

God is sovereign over the preservation and protection of men.⁹ The safest place on earth is in the will of God as you trust and obey!

God is sovereign over the perseverance of those whom He has given to Christ. Because *He* preserves, we persevere.¹⁰

God is Sovereign, Part II

1 Job 12:10 and 14:5; I Samuel 2:6; Deuteronomy 32:39; Psalm 139:16; Acts 17:25, 28 2 Matthew 1:21; Ephesians 1:1-6; Romans 8:28-30; Acts 9 3 II Corinthians 12:7-10 4 I Samuel 2:7-8; I Chronicles 29:11-14 5 I Samuel 2:9; Psalm 37:23-24; Hebrews 11:32-35a with 35b-38 6 Daniel 2:21 7 Exodus 4:10-11; John 9:1-3 [Blind for years for this particular moment in time for God’s glory]; Psalm 139: 13-16 8 Psalm 23:1; Matthew 6:24-30; Philippians 4:9-12 9 Job 1:10; Psalm 34:7; 139:1-10; Matthew 10:28-31 10 John 10:27-30; 17:11-12, 15, 24; II Timothy 4:18