

## Sovereignty

Intro. Selection everywhere. Color, size, abilities. In Spiritual realm too. Gifts. Leaders. Apostles. Responsibility everywhere. Adam. Israel. Unsaved to believe. Xn to pray, walk worthy etc. Calvin emphasized 1st. Arminius 2nd. Then assoc grace vs works. Arminian works wrong. Calvinism's irresponsibility wrong. Balance needed. No Arminians on faculty. Different emphases. Any emphasis wrong when becomes devisive. Any doctrine unbalanced when mǎjor on certain aspects of it. To help keep balance want to emphasize 2 things about sovereignty of God. Esp needed for young students who think they can solve in 1 yr what wiser men have never solved. Needed for all of us.

### I. Sovereignty of God Emphasizes Means.

- A. Contrast with Fatalism. What's going to be will be. Sovereignty--what's going to be will be thru means.
- B. Kinds of means.
  - 1. Direct. Acts 5.
  - 2. Less direct. Using natural things. 1 Cor 11:30.
  - 3. Completely natural. No control by God, Rom 1:26-7.
- C. Illus.
  - 1. If CCR sovereign in school could choose to keep a student in school, or follow rules. If I take my hands off don't cease to be sovereign. God can be sovereign (in absolute control) in his nature without being sovereign in all actions.
  - 2. Courtney. Means of wooing. Note she was not his until she said yes. No elect person either. When don't emphasize means not Biblically balanced

### II. Sovereignty of God Emphasizes Wisdom.

- A. Wisdom to preserve responsibility. Pray. Walk. When don't I'm to blame not God.
- B. Wisdom to keep sin sin. Sov of God doesn't make wrong right. Crificifixon of X, Acts 4:27. Nazwaza
- C. Widdom to /Blame self when sin as much as Jews. make wrath of men praise Him (Ps 76:10). Does this without making wrong right. Illus with Ravel.

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Intro. Do you bel God is sovereign? Like trinity atonement this is not a NT word. But concept is Biblical. Only what does sovereign mean. All-power. No tho related. All wise. No tho related. Arbitrary. Has to do with ruling--reign. Means primary or highest ruler. God sovereign bec highest ruler. Sol 1 has to do with meaning of sovereignty more than Eph 1. Let us describe the concept.of sov God.

### I. Sovereignty is limited.

A. By nature of God. Cannot sin. So whatever relatn God has to sin in His plan He cannot sin. God hates sin, Psa 5:5 incld Xn's. Father and child God cannot be unloving bec He is love. When takes baby in death it's loving.

### B. By plan of God.

He plans in His rule to do things certain ways which are not always direct. Sov person doesn't have to act sov always to be sov. e.g. CCR in campusing. e.g. X on earth.

God has incld rules in plan and these limit our concept of sov. e.g. law of gravity. No miracle has violated this law for people in non-res body. e.g. sowing and reaping Gal 6:7. Studies.

e.g. law of preaching, 1 Cor 1:21. Rom 10:14. IF it doesn't burden you that there are people going to hell, something's wrong with your sov.

### II. Sovereignty is Purposeful.

Cf. to whimsical, arbitrary, ethereal. It is practical and realistic.

### A. In relatn to us--service. Gal 1:15-16.

Eph 3:10. Already planned what you walk in.

If don't walk that's not His plan cause Word says opposite. If don't as Calvin said it is acc to His will but not by His command.

### B. In relatn to Him--glory. Eph 1:6,12,14.

Is God shown off when don't pray? When fail?

Wrath of men will praise Him but still wrath not made right.

Concl. When say God is sovereign remember that's a limited concept and a purposeful one.