

Chapter One
Finding Trust in His Sovereignty

To be sovereign is to have supreme authority. Thus, the only true Sovereign being is Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of Heaven and Earth. Through him, we can find absolute trust and assurance that He is in control, has always been in control, and always will be in control. If we lose sight of that fact, if we take our eyes off Christ, then we will be like Peter and sink in the raging waves and storms around us. Cancer and chronic affliction will overcome us if we forget to trust in our Sovereign God.

What does God have supreme authority over? Use the scripture verses to help you. Think of other scripture to support these claims.

Joshua 10:13

Mark 4:35-41

Exodus 9:23-26

Jonah 1:17

Daniel 6:22

1 Samuel 1:5

Proverbs 16:9

Romans 13:1

Job 1:12, 2:6

How far does God's sovereignty reach? Think about this in both dimensions of measurement and dimensions of time. Again, use scripture to prove your answer.

Psalm 103:19

Hebrews 2:8

Hebrews 13:8

Read the account of Esther. Many key events occurred before Esther was born. Name some of these events and think about what "might" have happened if these events had not occurred, and how the "end" result might have been different.

What is the "real" love story in this book?

What does Mordecai mean when he tells Esther that she may have come to the kingdom "for such a time as this"?

Who saved the Jewish people when they were sentenced to death by King Ahasuerus?

Think of some other Biblical accounts where God's sovereign hand is easily seen.

Consider the account of Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers. How was God sovereign through Joseph's hardships? What was Joseph's response? Read Genesis 50:20.

What is the relationship between God's sovereignty and sin? Can God sin? Does God cause man to sin?

Personal Reflection

Does God cause hard providences to occur? Read 1 Peter 4:12-19.

Is God sovereign over your hard providence?