

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

### THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

*Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*

#### Study 45

### THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Tonight we will discuss THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD as it is taught in the Scriptures.

#### 1) SOVEREIGN DEFINED.

Supreme in power, possessing supreme dominion, superior to all others.

#### 2) GOD IS ALL POWERFUL.

*Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?*

*Psalms 86:8 ¶ Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.*

*9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.*

*10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.*

*Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.*

*7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.*

*8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.*

*Jeremiah 10:6 Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.*

#### 3) GOD HAS ALL AUTHORITY EVERYWHERE.

*Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

#### 4) ALL POWER AND AUTHORITY ON EARTH COMES FROM GOD.

*Romans 13:1 ¶ Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

*2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*

#### 5) GOD HAS CONTROL OVER AND OWNS EVERYTHING.

*Job 41:11 ¶ Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.*

*Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*

*Psalms 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

*11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.*

*12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.*

*Haggai 2:8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*1 Corinthians 10:26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.*

#### 6) GOD HAS GIVEN MANKIND AUTHORITY OVER ASPECTS OF HIS CREATION.

*Genesis 1:26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*Psalms 8:1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.*

*2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou*

*mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*

*3 ¶ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;*

*4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*

*5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*

*6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:*

*7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;*

*8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.*

*9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!*

## **7) GOD HAS AUTHORITY OVER ALL GOVERNMENTS AND NATIONS.**

*Psalm 75:6 ¶ For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.*

*7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.*

*Proverbs 21:1 ¶ The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.*

*Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:*

*21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:*

*Daniel 4:34 ¶ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:*

*35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?*

*36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.*

*37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*

## **8) GOD ALLOWS EVIL PEOPLE TO BE IN AUTHORITY TO SERVE HIS PURPOSE.**

*Jeremiah 27:4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters;*

*5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.*

*6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.*

*7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.*

*8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.*

*Romans 9:14 ¶ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.*

*15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*

*16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

*17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.*

*18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.*

*19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?*

*20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?*

*21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?*

*22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:*

*23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,*

## **9) EVEN THOUGH GOD IS SOVEREIGN, HE ALLOWS MANKIND TO HAVE FREE WILL.**

*Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

*Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

The word “whosoever” appears in 163 verses.

## **10) NOTHING EVER HAPPENS IN OUR LIVES WITHOUT GOD’S PRIOR APPROVAL.**

*1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

*Job 1:6 ¶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.*

*7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

*8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

*9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?*

*10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*

*11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.*

*12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*

*Job 2:1 ¶ Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.*

*2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

*3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.*

*4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.*

*5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.*

*6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.*

## **11) GOD IS ALL KNOWING.**

*Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

*Romans 8:29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

## **12) EVEN THOUGH GOD KNOWS ALL, IT DOESN’T MEAN HE CHOOSES FOR US.**

*2 Peter 3:9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

## **13) CALVANISTIC THEOLOGY IS A DISTORTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.**

*Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

*2 Chronicles 19:7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no*

*iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.*

*Job 34:10 ¶ Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.*

*11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.*

*12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.*

*Psalms 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.*

*Romans 9:14 ¶ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.*

#### **14) GOD ALLOWS US TO HAVE A ROLE IN HIS KINGDOM.**

*Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

*15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

#### **15) GOD ALLOWS US TO CHANGE HIS MIND.**

*Genesis 18:23 ¶ And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?*

*24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?*

*25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*

*26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.*

*27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:*

*28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.*

*29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.*

*30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.*

*31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.*

*32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.*

*33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.*

*Exodus 32:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:*

*10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.*

*11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?*

*12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.*

*13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.*

*14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.*

#### **16) IN THE END, EVERYTHING WILL GIVE PRAISE & GLORY TO GOD.**

*Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

*10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

*11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Revelation 4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

*11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*