



Teaching Notes

Biblical Worldview

Week 3 – God: Sovereign or Limited?

Psalm 115:3, 103:19

We are living in uncertain times. Both locally and globally there is much economic, political and social unrest. It is easy to feel insecure and fearful in times like these. Yet as Christians our ultimate hope is not in the rulers of this age, nor in the state of our economy, but in the sovereign Creator of the universe. The truth that God is indeed sovereign should be of immense comfort and a source of strength for us. What does God's sovereignty actually mean? In short – God is in charge, he is in control. He is not limited by anything outside of himself, nor can anything stop his will from being accomplished, whether it be human sinfulness, rebellion or lack of faith. Our God does what he pleases and will always bring his purposes to pass, simply because he is God!

READ:

Psalm 115:3 & Psalm 103:19

- Based on these two passages, how would you describe God's sovereignty?
- What does God's sovereignty teach us about His power (Revelation 19:6) and will (Ephesians 1:11)?
- How do you differentiate between luck/destiny/coincidence and God's sovereignty?
- What sort of things in life cause people to question God's sovereignty?
- In what ways is God's sovereignty an encouragement in your life?

DISCUSS:

- In light of God's sovereignty, how do we explain "evil" in the world (natural disasters, bad things happening to good people, the prosperity of the wicked)?
- Can you think of some situations in the Bible where God's purposes were advanced even through difficulty or painful circumstances? (i.e. Esther, Acts, Jesus' Crucifixion)
- Can you think of some situations in your own life where God's sovereignty impacted you?
- Can we expect to understand the sovereignty of God with absolute clarity? Why or why not?
- Using the image below, discuss the importance of viewing our life experiences through a Biblical Worldview.

PRAY:

God is working all things together for His good pleasure (Romans 8:28). Pray that your trust in the sovereignty of God will be strengthened daily.

RESPOND:

Continue to develop a biblical worldview as you put your hope and trust in God's sovereignty for every situation you face.

