

2. What does it mean that God is sovereign?

God is free to do what he wants, when he wants, and how he wants to do it. He is free from any external control. His name means "I AM WHO I AM." (Exodus 3:14). He is the Supreme One who rules the universe. "Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases." (Psalm 115:3) He is in control. His control extends over all. He is sovereign over the governing of nations, and even the death of a small sparrow. Know that "the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will." (Daniel 4:17) "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father." (Matthew 10:29) God is specifically causing his plan to unfold "according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will." (Ephesians 1:11) Job stated, "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:2) God is governed by none but himself. "The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!" (Psalm 99:1) God created the universe exactly how he wanted it. It is an expression of his sovereign will. God is even sovereign over where you live, "And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God." (Acts 17:26-27) God is the sovereign creator who rules over heaven and earth (Psalm 33). Will you seek him?

Bible passages to read: Psalm 33, 115

Questions to ponder:

1. In your own words state what it means that God is sovereign.
2. List specific ways how God has expressed his sovereignty.
3. What is the basis of God's sovereignty (see Ephesians 1:11)?
4. What does God cause to happen?
5. How does the sovereignty of God affect how you see God and yourself?