

# He Reigns

iGod: His Character Playlist, Part 6

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*"Yours is the mighty power and glory and victory and majesty. Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything."*  
(1 Chronicles 29:11, LB)

## I) WHAT GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY MEANS

1) God has the absolute RIGHT TO RULE THE WORLD.

2) God is in absolute CONTROL OF EVERYTHING.

## II) HOW GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY WORKS

1) God is in control over all TIME.

*"I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please."* (Isaiah 46:10, NIV)

2) God is in control over all CREATION.

*"The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."* (Psalm 135:6, NIV)

3) God is in control over all HUMANITY.

*"From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the exact places where they should live."* (Acts 17:26, NIV)

**\*If God is in control, do we have any free choice in matters?**

YES, but it isn't TOTALLY FREE.

## III) HOW GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AFFECTS US

*Because God is in control....*

1) All of our plans have a determined LIMIT.

*"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's will that prevails."*  
(Proverbs 19:21, NIV)

*"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and makes money.' Why, you don't even know what will happen tomorrow...Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that!'"  
(James 4:13-15, NIV)*

*"We should make plans— counting on the Lord to direct us."* (Proverbs 16:9, LB)

**\*Since God is sovereign, we must be FLEXIBLE toward the future.**

2) All of our problems have a divine PURPOSE.

*"...at present, you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident—it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold."  
(1 Peter 1:6-7, JB)*

*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."  
(Genesis 50:20, NIV)*

*"This is the reason we never lose heart...These troubles (which are temporary) are winning for us a permanent, glorious, and solid reward out of proportion to our pain."  
(2 Corinthians 4:16-17, JB)*

**\*Since God is sovereign, we should look for PURPOSE in our pain.**

3) All of our prayers have a definite IMPACT.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."  
(James 5:16b-18, NIV)*

*"We are sure that He [God] hears us if we ask for anything that is according to His will. He hears us whenever we ask Him..."  
(1 John 5:14, TEV)*

*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."  
(Romans 8:26, NIV)*

**\*Since God is sovereign, we can be confident in HIS ANSWER.**