HE IS THE KING! The Sovereignty of God (Ephesians 1:11)

"Divine sovereignty simply means that God is God" (A. W. Pink)

- I. God's Sovereignty DETHRONED
 - A. Some describe an ABDICATED throne
 - B. Some describe a DEPENDENT throne
 - C. Some describe a COMPETING throne
- II. God's Sovereignty DEFINED (Ps. 115:3; Isa. 46:10)
 - A. God does ALWAYS as He pleases
 - B. God does ONLY as He pleases
 - C. God does ALL that He pleases
- III. God's Sovereignty DESCRIBED
 - A. CREATION is controlled by Him
 - 1. He made WHAT He wanted, WHEN He wanted it, and AS He wanted it (Rev. 4:11)

- 2. He SUSTAINS and DIRECTS what He made (Col. 1:16-17; cf. Matt. 5:45; Job 37:3-13; Luke 8:22-25)
- B. NATIONS are controlled by Him
 - 1. He APPOINTS rulers (Dan. 2:21; 4:17)
 - 2. He ESTABLISHES jurisdictions (Ps. 75:6-7)
 - 3. He GOVERNS nations (Prov. 21:1; Ezra 6:22; 7:27; Isa. 44:28-45:1)
 - 4. He DETERMINES outcomes (Prov. 21:31; Ps. 33:36-37)
- C. SATAN is controlled by Him
 - 1. Has limited LIBERTY to cause MAYHEM (John 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4)
 - 2. Has constant ACCOUNTABILITY to GOD (Job 1-2)
 - 3. Awaits eternal PUNISHMENT in the LAKE OF FIRE (Rev. 20:10)
- D. CIRCUMSTANCES and EVENTS are controlled by Him
 - 1. Does all things according to HIS WILL (Eph. 1:11)
 - 2. Does all things for the GOOD of His PEOPLE (Rom. 8:28)
- E. LIVES are controlled by Him
 - 1. Controls CONCEPTION and DEVELOPMENT (Ps. 139:13-16)
 - 2. Controls DAYS and appoints DEATHS (Ps. 139:16; Jms. 4:15)
- F. DESTINIES are controlled by Him
 - 1. Left to ourselves, NO ONE would BELIEVE (Rom. 3:10-11)
 - 2. Those who are SAVED were CHOSEN in Him (Eph. 1:4; John 1:13; 15:16; Rom. 9:14-24; Col. 3:12; 1 John 4:19)