

**THE ATTRIBUTE SERIES - Part XIII**

“God is Sovereign”

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God’s attributes are those properties and qualities which characterize His existence as God and this final lesson is going to focus on the fact God is **sovereign**.

**Definition:** To be sovereign means exercising or possessing \_\_\_\_\_ or jurisdiction.

As this concept relates to God, it means that God is the ultimate and absolute sovereign ruler of the universe **who brings about all things according to His purpose**.

Reference: **Psalm 115:3** (see screen)

**Definition:** The fact God is sovereign means that everything that happens in this universe happens because God has either \_\_\_\_\_ it to happen (in a direct sense) or else God has consciously \_\_\_\_\_ it to happen (in an indirect sense).

References: **Job 23:13, Job 42:2, Psalm 103:19, Psalm 135:6, Isaiah 46:9 - 10, Ephesians 1:11, Revelation 19:6**, etc. (see screen)

Man’s unfortunate response to the fact God is sovereign:

Reference: **I Samuel 8:7** (see screen)

**Meticulous Sovereignty**

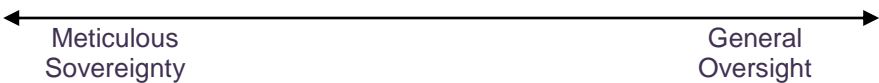
Everything that happens, happens because God \_\_\_\_\_ it to happen

**Providential Sovereignty**

Everything that happens, happens because God \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ it to happen

**General Sovereignty**

Everything that happens, happens because God \_\_\_\_\_ it to happen



The extreme form of the **general sovereignty** position is called “*open theism*” i.e. the teaching that the future is “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_” to God.

**Question:** Does the fact God is sovereign matter to us in a more practical sense?

**Answer:** Yes, the fact God is sovereign means He is able to interact with us on the basis of the \_\_\_\_\_ He has in mind for us.

Reference: **Romans 8:28**, “*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His (sovereign) purpose.*”

**Principle:**

God uses all things that happen  
(either caused or allowed)  
to contribute to **our ultimate** \_\_\_\_\_ and  
**His eternal** \_\_\_\_\_.

The extreme form of the **meticulous sovereignty** position is called divine “*fatalism* or *determinism*” i.e. the teaching that all that happens is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.