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	**Providential Sovereignty**	**General Sovereignty**
Everything that happens, happens because God _____ it to happen	Everything that happens, happens because God _____ or _____ it to happen	Everything that happens, happens because God _____ it to happen

Meticulous Sovereignty ⟷ General Oversight

The extreme form of the **meticulous sovereignty** position is called divine *"fatalism* or *determinism"* i.e. the teaching that all that happens is _____ and _____.

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 _____**.**