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 **The Sovereignty Of God**

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord”

 Isaiah 55:8

This passage of scripture is much more complex than it appears to be with just a casual reading. It is quoted often without the totality of the message God is conveying to us. We in our finite minds have an inept tendency to think that we know what it is that God wants for our life and not only that, but also how He intends to do it. We can become so spiritually deep that we allow our ignorance to block what it is God desires to do for us because as with most things in our life, we are accustomed to thinking God needs our help; remember we have totally twisted James 2:17 to fit this finite thinking we have. Looking into the scripture we should clearly see that God announces again that He is all-powerful and sees beyond what our natural eyes, thoughts, or ability can discern. The sovereignty of God gives Him the right to reign and rule in every area of our life according to His will, purpose and eternal plan that He has (Psalm 135:6). He is empathically telling us that our penthouse thoughts are equivalent to His basement performance, so what He needs from us is submission and cooperation with His plan. We tend to think we know the way we should go, what we should do and how, when Jeremiah 10:23 states “…the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” God reserves the right as Lord of our life to be in complete control of what we do and how. It is obvious that the thoughts we tend to have are usually not His, especially when we usually rush ahead of him with what we think, and then seek to have Him co-sign what we have conceived in our mind to be His will. Whenever we get to a place where it seems we have grasped what it is that God is doing, there always seems to be one important detail we have left out. And that is His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways ours, so whenever things don’t go that way we perceive we become disappointed and can move if not careful into a place of discouragement because it seems that our plan is not working. This is the problem with trying to do what only our sovereign God is capable of doing. Proverbs 3:5 tells us to forget what we think God is doing, and what we may desire to do and “trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding”, and then we will see that our Omniscient God knows how to navigate us through the landmines and booby-traps the enemy has planted for us as we walk out this life of faith. He makes decisions for our life based on His infinite wisdom and understanding. The last thing He needs is a spiritually-deep, I got this all together Christian trying to steer a course in which He has already gone before and paved the way for you to walk so that you reach that place He has prepared for you. Proverbs 19:21 Amplified says “many plans are in a man’s mind, but it is the Lord’s purpose for him that will stand.” Why? Because God’s thoughts are not like man, and these plans, or thoughts we tend to have, tend to be laced with personal preferences that may not be according to His will, but are more suited for personal and instant gratification, which usually leads us in a way that is not of God, but came through the thought process of one trying to have a say in his life. God indeed causes all things to happen, but that He does so in such a way that He somehow upholds our ability to make willing, responsible choices which are prompted by the direction of His Holy Spirit who is our guide, counselor and advocate. Pride will say you know I do pray and read the bible, so I should know what God wants me to do and how, but He says that His thoughts and ways are beyond what we can perceive on our own. The sovereign God of this universe is not in heaven scratching His head trying to figure out a way to get you to your appointed place, but has a plan for your life and has already mapped out the course which will get you there. Remember that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord (Psalm 37:23). Who is the good man? The one who will get out of the way, toss the God is my co-pilot mentally out the window and trust that God knows how to do what He has predetermined He will do. Ephesians 1:11b says God works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His own will.” Proverbs 20:24 adds “man’s goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?” So our sovereign ruler knows all of the intricate details needed to get you to the place determined, so that your life will bring Him the glory and honor due Him. When we allow Him, everything will be worked out according to His will because our thoughts are so beneath what it is God is thinking for us. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 3:20 that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, and imagine. The vast difference in our thinking as to God’s is as far as the heavens are from the earth. We deem Him the Sovereign King because the theocracy of God is revealed progressively in the scriptures, and if we as born again believers submit to the Lordship of Christ, then we should experience and express the theocratic ideal of God’s direct governance in our life. A name of God used is “Adonai”, which means Master, Sovereign ruler or Lord, and generally denotes the authority and position of God. Our prayer is that not just your Savior, but that you have made Him Lord of your life and have given Him the right to speak into every area of your life.