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 **He Is Sovereign**

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! Romans 11:33

When we declare that God is sovereign, it’s not just that He is in charge, nor just that He can make some mandates, but we are saying that He reigns; that He is a majestic authority. He is “Adonai”, which means Master, Sovereign ruler or Lord, and generally denotes the authority and position of God. Isaiah 40:28 explains His sovereignty by asking “Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainted not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding.” We use the word “infinite”, which means without any measureable limits, or greater than any assigned value to describe Him. Therefore, when Isaiah 55:8 says that His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are our ways His ways, he is explaining that, yes, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are the thoughts and ways of God beyond what we can measure or put a value on. Because He is sovereign and we are no longer our own when we make Him Lord of our life, it gives Him the right to reign and rule in every area of our life. God reserves the right as Lord of our life to be in complete control of what we do and how. There is an eternal plan and purpose that God has devised so that His will shall be done, and Psalm 32:8 tells us that our Sovereign God “will instruct and teach thee in the way which thou shall go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” The Omniscient God of this universe knows how to get you to your place of destination. What we deem to be according to our finite understanding, we must understand that our God makes decisions and guides us through life based on His infinite wisdom and knowledge. Although at times we may feel as if we know the way we are taking, it is the sovereign hand of God who is directing according to this wisdom and knowledge which are beyond our comprehension. The Amplified of Romans 11:33 says it like this, “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unfathomable (unsearchable) are His judgments (His decisions)! And how untraceable (mysterious, undiscoverable) are His ways (His methods, His paths)!” Whenever we get to that place where we think that we have figured out God and what He is doing, remember that there is no searching of His understanding. That’s why Jeremiah 10:23 cries out “…the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” While we are limited, God sees all things by one clear and certain, and infallible view --- all things that are, or ever were, or ever shall be --- everything that is naked and open before Him. The Psalmist says in 139:6 that God’s infinite knowledge is too wonderful for him; that it is high above him, that he cannot reach it. He explains that God has searched him thoroughly and knows his downsittings and uprising, and understands his thoughts afar off. He says that God has searched out his path and knows his lying down and is acquainted with all his ways, plus there is not a word in his mouth that God does not already know. He concludes in verse 6 that he can’t begin to fathom the knowledge and wisdom of God, that it is beyond what he can grasp. Here is the place where we must understand that God is in complete control and submit ourselves totally to Him. We must dismiss the notion that we can in some way counsel God and instruct Him is our affairs, but we must be willing to give Him free reign to do as He wills. In all things God acts as a free agent, does what He will, because He will, and gives not account of any of His matters, and yet there is no unrighteousness with Him. Even in this, God while He indeed causes all things to happen, He does so in such a way that He somehow upholds our ability to make willing and responsible choices which are prompted by His Holy Spirit. Not to be His counsellor, because He is infinitely wise, but to make decisions which are based on Ephesians 1:11b which says that our Sovereign God “works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His own will.” We know that everything works together for good when we understand the sovereignty of God and seek to follow and allow Him the right to speak into our lives, guiding us according to His divine plan and purpose. When we don’t understand the sovereignty of God we will find ourselves striving with Him and usually trying to move upstream against the current of His wisdom and knowledge. Psalm 103:7 says, “He made known His way unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.” His ways are His principles, reasoning, and motivations which causes Him to act the way He does. The rebellion of the children of Israel was a clear indication that they did not understand, or reverence the sovereignty of God. On the other hand we can see from Exodus 33:13 that Moses understood the sovereignty of God and sought to know His ways; for if he did not seek to know His ways the children of Israel would have never known His acts; which were His provisions, healing, etc. Just like the children of Israel, Moses as well did not fully understand their journey through the wilderness, but accepted the sovereignty of God and sought to know and follow Him. We do well today to grasp hold of the sovereignty of our Lord and allow Him to speak into and guide our lives. Don’t rely on flesh, or the wisdom of finite man, but rely on the voice of our Sovereign God and His wisdom, and let Him lead you into that moist place of abundance and refreshment.