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# THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY

– Romans 8 –



"Comfort is the one thing you cannot get by looking for it. If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end. If you look for comfort, you will not get either comfort or truth – only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin with and, in the end, despair."

– C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*In him we have obtained an inheritance,  
having been predestined according  
to the purpose of him who works all things  
according to the counsel of his will.*

*– Ephesians 1:11*



*"for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me,  
declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, "My counsel shall stand,  
and I will accomplish all my purpose"*

*– Isaiah 46:9-10*

*Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;"*

*– Daniel 2:20-21*



*the Most High rules the kingdom of men  
and gives it to whom he will*

*– Daniel 4:17*

*The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.*

*– Proverbs 21:1*



*And the LORD appointed a great fish...*

*– Jonah 1:17*

*And the LORD said to Satan,  
“Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.”*

*– Job 2:6*



*“Shall we receive good from God,  
and shall we not receive evil?”*

*– Job 2:10*

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and shall we not receive evil?”  
In all this Job did not sin with his lips.*

*– Job 2:10*



*Then came to him all his brothers and sisters  
and all who had known him before, and ate  
bread with him in his house. And they showed  
him sympathy and comforted him for all the  
evil that the LORD had brought upon him.*

*– Job 42:11*

“He bowed to the Sovereign will of Jehovah. He traced his afflictions back to their First Cause. He looked behind the Sabeans who had stolen his cattle, and beyond the winds that had destroyed his children, and saw the hand of God. But not only did Job recognize God's Sovereignty, he rejoiced in it, too. To the words, ‘The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away,’ he added, ‘blessed be the name of the LORD’ (Job 1:21).”

– A.W. Pink, *The Sovereignty of God*



*“See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.*

*– Deuteronomy 32:39*

*The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.*

*– 1 Samuel 2:6*



*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."*

*– James 4:13-15*

"I believe that every particle of dust that dances in the sunbeam does not move an atom more or less than God wishes – that every particle of spray that dashes against the steamboat has its orbit, as well as the sun in the heavens – that the chaff from the hand of the winnower is steered as the stars in their courses. The creeping of an aphid over the rosebud is as much fixed as the march of the devastating pestilence – the fall of leaves from a poplar is as fully ordained as the tumbling of an avalanche."

– Charles Spurgeon



""What is fate? Fate is this – *Whatever is, must be*. But there is a difference between that and Providence. Providence says, *Whatever God ordains, must be*; but the wisdom of God never ordains anything without a purpose. Everything in this world is working for some great end. Fate does not say that. There is all the difference between fate and Providence that there is between a man with good eyes and a blind man."

– Charles Spurgeon

How is this sovereign God over all things  
relating to me in this rising uncertainty?



*For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly,  
but because of him who subjected it, in hope*

*– Romans 8:20*

*For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.*

*– James 2:10*



*For by works of the law no human being  
will be justified in his sight*

*– Romans 3:20*

*He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree*

*– 1 Peter 2:24*



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*And not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption  
as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

*– Romans 8:23*



*The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God, and if children,  
then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with  
Christ, provided we suffer with him in  
order that we may be glorified with him.*

*– Romans 8:16-17*

*And we know that for those who love God  
all things work together for good, for those  
who are called according to his purpose.*

*– Romans 8:28*





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