

The Sovereignty of God

From all eternity God has purposed to do just exactly what He is doing. He is the sovereign Ruler of the universe, and does ‘according to his will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say to him, What doest thou?’ (Daniel 4:35).

Since the universe had its origin in God and depends on Him for its continued existence, it is subject to His control in all its parts and at all times, so that nothing can occur contrary to what He decrees or permits.

Consequently, no event is really small; each one has its exact place in the divine plan. Dr. Abraham Kuyper, once the Prime Minister of Holland, says: ‘the determination of our persons, whether one is to be born as boy or girl, rich or poor, dull or clever, white or coloured, or even as Abel and Cain, is the most tremendous predestination



conceivable . . . and still we see it taking place before our eyes every day.’

If we could see the world in all its relationships – past, present and future – we would see that it is following a predetermined course with exact precision. God’s control extends to all events, even the smallest; and His plan includes everything and everyone.

When we recognize that the eternal God has an eternal plan in which everything that happens is fore-ordained, we simply recognize that God is GOD, and that He is free from all human limitations.

God is a person, like other persons in that His acts are purposeful, but unlike other persons in that He is all-wise in His planning and all-powerful in His performing. His sovereignty is not the sovereignty of blind power. It is coupled with infinite wisdom, holiness and love.

When properly understood, this truth is most comforting and reassuring. Who would not prefer to have his affairs in the hands of a God of infinite power, wisdom, holiness and love, rather

than to have them left to fate, chance, natural law, or short-sighted and perverted self? Those who reject God's sovereignty should consider what alternatives they have left.

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