

FCCC Advance Bible Study (Wednesday 8-20-2025)

God's Sovereignty

Scripture Reference: Genesis 1:1-5; John 1:1-4; Job 38:4-7

Scripture Proof of God's Sovereignty:

Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

John 1:1-4

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Job 38:4-7

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

In this discussion we look to bring clarity to the following questions - "Who Is God" and "Where Did He Come From." As we answer these questions we will find that our faith is being tested. The Bible is a book of faith and it opens with calling your faith into question. Because of this we will review the benefits of believing in God's Sovereignty. Finally we will close this study by asking the question "What Governs the Sovereignty of \pod?"

Definition of God's Sovereignty

He is the ultimate authority and ruler over all creation, with supreme power and control.

Where Does God Come From?

When we look at this question we must remember that the **God** of the Bible is not affected by time, space or matter. In order for there to be the creation of life time, space and matter must come into existence at same time. Genesis 1 and 1 helps to understand that God doesn't come from any time, space or matter!

- **Genesis 1:1** In the **beginning** God created the **heaven** and the **earth**.
 - Beginning- time
 - Heaven - space
 - Earth - matter
- Because God created time, space and matter which is formula for life as we know it, He must operate outside of life as we know it.

God is self existing, self sustaining and the progenitor of all life!

He doesn't exist in the frame work of life as we know it!

This is why He answered Mose with a short and brief statement when he asked the question. Who shall **I** sent me? In **Genesis 3:14** And God said unto Moses, **I Am That I Am:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.

- This statement is proof that God has **absolute** and **pure existence**.
- He did not say I **became**, **He said I AM**
- He did not say **I am going to be**
- He did not say I **was**
- He is saying to Moses, I am pure existence, without a beginning, I just exist.
- He is past, present and future existence!

Benefits of Believing in God's Sovereignty

It is not enough for Christians to believe in God's existence but we are also called to believe in His Sovereignty. Believing in God's sovereignty, the concept that God is the ultimate authority and has supreme power over all creation, offers numerous benefits. Let's journey together through the scriptures to see what benefits we can find:

Strong Covenant Relationships

- **Abrahamic Covenant**
God promised Abraham descendants, land, and blessings, establishing a lasting relationship with his lineage.
- **Genesis 12:1-3 NIV**
 - **1** The Lord had said to \Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.
 - **2** "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing,[a]

- 3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."¹¹

Will Give You Peace

- God's sovereignty implies that He is in control of all events, including those that seem chaotic or negative. This understanding can bring peace by assuring you that even in difficult times, there is a purpose and plan unfolding.
- Psalm 46:10 &
 - 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
 - 11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Will Give You Strength and Resilience

- Knowing that God is in control can also provide strength and resilience in the face of adversity.
It allows individuals to face challenges with greater courage and hope, knowing that they are not alone and that God is working all things for good
- Isaiah 41:10
 - 10 So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Believing in God's Sovereignty brings, benefits and blessings into a Christians life that includes increased peace, strength, and a sense of purpose. It allows Christians to find comfort and assurance in difficult times, knowing that God is in control and working for their ultimate good. This belief also fosters a deeper trust in God's wisdom and love, encouraging a more faithful and purposeful life.