

GOD IS SOVEREIGN

WHY IS YOUR GOD BETTER THAN OTHER GODS? The God of the Bible makes History make sense! The God of the Bible also makes the Future make sense!

The Bible says, “Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” (Psalms 90:1-12, ESV).

A generation arises and a generation dies, but the eternal God watches over each one! While we have our 70 or 80 years here on this earth we need to serve the Sovereign of the universe! By doing so, our future is assured and one of these days we can live eternally with Him!

Webster defines the adjective SOVEREIGN as “(1) above or superior to all others; chief; greatest; supreme (2) supreme in power, rank, or authority (3) of or holding the position of ruler; royal; reigning (4) independent of all others (5) excellent; outstanding – n (1): a person who possesses sovereign authority or power; specifically, a monarch or ruler”. In the days of Samuel, the nation of Israel decided they wanted a king like everybody else. So God had Samuel repeat this to the people of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' ¹⁹ But today you have

rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses, and you have said to him, 'Set a king over us.' (1 Sam 10:18-19, ESV) I wonder how many of us, by our actions, have said to God... "set someone else over us; better still, let me have my own way!"

Friends, are you fleeing from the supreme Sovereign of the universe?

The Creator of this universe is its Sovereign!

TO BE SOVEREIGN: there is nothing that God does not know; there is nothing He lacks the power to do; and He is absolutely free from limits or restraints with the exception of those restraints or limits that He would freely make for Himself.

CAN YOU GRASP THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BEING INVITED INTO THE PRESENCE OF SUCH A SOVEREIGN AS THIS AND BEING PERMITTED AND EVEN ENCOURAGED TO PETITION THIS SOVEREIGN IN PRAYER?

The apostle Paul wrote to Christians in Colossi. "we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1:9-14, ESV.)

Paul marched boldly into the throne-room of the Sovereign of the Universe and asked for things on behalf of the Colossian Christians.

Friends, when you pray to the Sovereign of the universe you are talking with the One who knows everything; you are talking with the One who has the power to change things, and who is limited in only the ways He has chosen to be because of His nature.

SO WHAT SHOULD BE OUR REACTION?

BOW! BELIEVE! AND BEHOLD WITH AWE THE WAY GOD WORKS OUT THE
DETAILS OF YOUR HISTORY.

²⁸ 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, ESV.)