



## *Chapter 3 Ministries*

Ministering to women in matters of Christian marriage, apologetics, and faith

### *The Sovereignty of God*

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We can rejoice in the sovereignty of our loving God! He is in control in good times and in bad times. Below are a number of verses from the Bible that demonstrate the sovereignty of God. Keep them handy. Reflect on them often. I encourage you to look them up in context. I believe doing so will deepen your joy and increase your peace as you read them right out of the word of God. May this partial list of verses about the sovereignty of God be a blessing in your life.

*The study of the sovereignty of God not only illuminates the mind, it also inflames the heart.*

#### **OVER OUR WAYS/PLANS**

“The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9

“Many plans are in a man’s heart, But the counsel of the LORD will stand.” Proverbs 19:21

“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.”” James 4:13 -15

#### **OVER “CHANCE”**

“The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.” Proverbs 16:33 (ESV)

#### **OVER GOOD AND BAD TIMES**

“Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.” Ecclesiastes 7:13-14 (ESV)

“That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.” Isaiah 45:6-7

#### **OVER OUR DISABILITIES**

“And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man’s mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?” Exodus 4:11 (KJV)

#### **OVER LIFE**

“See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.” Deuteronomy 32:39

“Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.” Psalms 139:16

## **OVER SALVATION**

“And he said, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.’” John 6:65 (ESV)

“And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.” Acts 13:48 (KJV)

“What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, “I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION.” So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.” Romans 9:14-16

“So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,” Romans 11:5-7 (ESV)

## **OVER NATIONS**

“The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.” Psalms 33:10-11 (ESV)

“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’” Act 17:24-28

## **OVER ALL THINGS**

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:” Ephesians 1:11 (KJV)

## **Scriptures that show God’s control in specific human lives and events, including the death of Jesus**

Genesis 20:6, Genesis 45:8, Genesis 50:20, Exodus 3:21, Exodus 34:23-24, 1 Kings 12:15, Ezra 1:1-2, Acts 2:23, Acts 4:27-28

## **The trustworthiness of God**

Here are a few verses that highlight the goodness of God. We can trust Him to be loving and just in His sovereignty.

“For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.” Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (ESV)

“All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.” Psalms 25:10

“For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and

justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.” Psalms 33:4-5

“Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.” Jeremiah 9:23-24

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:28-32 (KJV)

I praise God that He is sovereign and filled with lovingkindness. Our almighty, sovereign God cares for us (1 Peter 5:7), and we can trust Him. May you rest in His sovereignty.

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