



God Most High

Life Group Study Notes

#3. The Sovereignty of God

Opening Up

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. Psalms 115:3 (NIV)

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Job 42:2 (NIV)

Share with the group about a time when you got a "raw deal" that seemed terrible but ended up really good in the end.

Drilling Down

1. Read each of the following quotes. What strikes you in each one and why?

"The Scriptures not only teach us that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, but also that He is its Sovereign Lord and King. He rules over all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest to the smallest, by His perfect wisdom, infinite power, and absolute righteousness. He is free to do all things according to His own will, and to do them for His own glory and good pleasure. What He has determined, no power in heaven or on earth can annul." – Paul Washer

"God is the creator and therefore the owner, possessor, and Lord of all things. Apart from him there is no existence or ownership. He alone has absolute authority. Always and everywhere his will decides. Again and again, accordingly, there is mention in Scripture of God's sovereign will. ... That will is the final ground of all things, of their being, and of their being as they are." – Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*

"Even to discuss the authority of Almighty God seems a bit meaningless, and to question it would be absurd. Can we imagine the Lord God of Hosts having to request permission of anyone or to apply for anything to a higher body? To whom would God go for permission? Who is higher than the Highest? Who is mightier than the Almighty? Whose position antedates that of the Eternal? At whose throne would God kneel? Where is the greater one to whom He must appeal? Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." -- A. W. Tozer. *The Knowledge of the Holy*

"There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's Sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that Sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children ought more earnestly to contend than the doctrine of their Master over all creation—the Kingship of God over all the works of His own hands—the Throne of God and His right to sit upon that Throne." – Charles Haddon Spurgeon

