

**WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST**

**Lesson 2 - Part 5**

**GOD THE FATHER**

**God is sovereign**

1. How does God show His goodness?

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- In His mercy
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2. God shows His goodness in His love, kindness, mercy, and grace.

In this lesson we want to learn that God is **sovereign**.

- As the Creator of all things, **He owns all things**.
- He has the **absolute right to rule** all things.
- He **uses His authority** in the world today.

**Sovereign** means the highest power or authority. "Highest power" says the same thing as Almighty. "Highest authority" says the highest right to command or act.

Who is sovereign?

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3. God is sovereign. He has the highest power and authority. He has the highest right to command.

Isaiah 61:1

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.*



What name is given to God in this verse?

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4. God is called "Sovereign LORD" in this verse.

Jeremiah 32:17

*Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.*

What did this Sovereign LORD make?

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5. The Sovereign LORD made the heavens and the earth. He created the things which can be seen and the things which cannot be seen.

1 Chronicles 29:11

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.*

What belongs to God?

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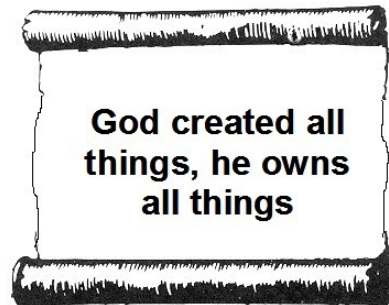
6. Everything in heaven and earth belongs to God. Greatness, power, glory, majesty, and splendour belong to God. Actually all things belong to God because He made all things.

Why is God sovereign?

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7. God is sovereign because He created (made) all things. He owns all things.

A man owns a store. He sells a lot of things in his store. He also has clerks working for him. The things in the store belong to the man who owns it, and not to the workers. This man has the right to tell his workers what they should do and how much they should charge (ask) for the goods in the



store.

Romans 9:20,21

*But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?*

Why does God have a right to rule the world and the people?

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8. God has the right to rule the world and the people because He made all things, including people.

God is supreme, that is, He has the highest authority. There is none greater than God. He gives up no power, authority, or glory. He will never have less power, authority, or glory.

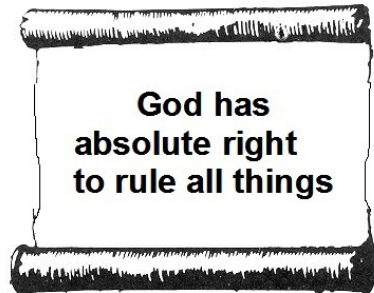
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9. God has the right to rule the world and people. He is sovereign. He is supreme. **Read** Isaiah 45:5-12.

Isaiah 45:11,12

*This is what the LORD says - the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands? It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled (commanded) their starry hosts.*



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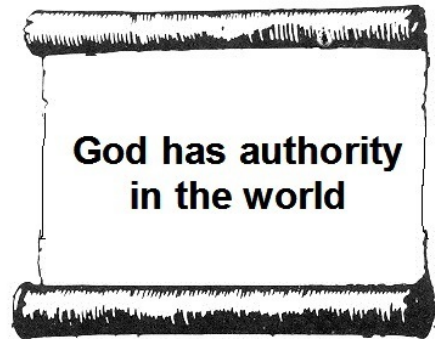
10. God has this right because He made the world and the people. God does not rule in a selfish way. God is perfect and He will never do anything that is sinful. He rules in a perfect way. He loves all people and wants them to be happy. He is holy and will never do what is wrong. He knows all things and knows what is best for everyone.

In what three ways do we see this sovereignty?

- As the Creator of all things, He \_\_\_\_\_ all things.
- He has the \_\_\_\_\_ to rule all things.
- God uses His authority in the world today.

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11. God is sovereign. As the Creator of all things, He owns all things. He has absolute right to rule all things. He does not give up any of His power, authority or glory. Without giving up any power, authority, or glory, God lets people choose whether they want to accept Christ or not.



John 1:12

*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

When God lets people choose what they want to do, does He give up some of His authority?

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12. God does not give up any of His authority. He knows all things and works out everything so that He will be honored.

**God uses His authority in the world today.** He has all wisdom and knows how to work out each and every problem. People choose what they want to do, but God knew from the beginning what they would think, decide, and do.

Proverbs 16:1

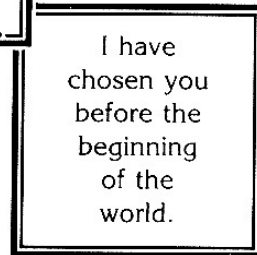
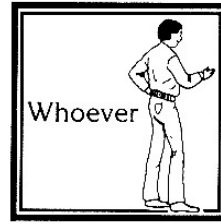
*To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.*

Romans 8:29

*For those God foreknew he also predestined (chose) to be conformed (made like) to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

Romans 8:29 (New Life Bible)

*God knew from the beginning who would put their trust in Him. So He chose them and made them to be like His Son. Christ was first and all those who belong to God are His brothers.*



It is like this. We come to a door which has a sign on it. This sign reads, "Whoever". When we accept Christ as Saviour, we enter the door. When we are inside, we look back to the door and see a sign which says, "I have chosen you from the beginning of the world."

Who knows all things?

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13. God knows all things. He knows what happened long ago, is happening today, and what will happen in time to come. Because He knows all things, He can use His authority in a right and holy way. God uses His authority to work out all things for the good of His children.

Romans 8:28

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Sometimes we may be disappointed about some things which happen in our lives. As time goes on we see that God had better plans than we had.

Who uses His authority in the world today?

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14. God uses His authority in the world today. We see this in the way He takes care of those who love Him.

Psalms 4:8

*I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell*

*in safety.*

Psalm 121:7,8

*The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

Philippians 4:19

*And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

What is one way in which God uses His authority today?

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15. He uses His authority to take care of those who love Him. He takes care of His children. He controls the things people do. He also controls the things of nature - the wind, rain, and sunshine. God is very great, yet He allows people to choose. He is sovereign. He is supreme. As we think of God in this way, we ask ourselves two questions.

Am I thankful for His goodness?

Do I trust Him to know what is best in my life?

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16. Talk about this with two or three people.

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**Questions from Lesson 2**

1. What three things did you learn about the nature of God?

- God is

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- God is

2. Write down three things which show that God is the greatest.

- \_\_\_\_\_ which means
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3. Write down four attributes of God.

- God does not
- God is
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