

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD. A term by which is expressed the supreme rulership of God. This is rightly held to be not an attribute of God but a prerogative based upon the perfections of the divine Being.

The possession of the most complete sovereignty is a necessary part of the proper conception of God and is abundantly declared in the Scriptures (e.g., Ps 50:1; 66:7; 93:1; Isa 40:15,17; 1 Tim 6:15; Rev 11:17). The method of the divine rulership is, however, to be judged in the light of special revelation. The term absolute sovereignty as used in Calvinism means the sovereign election of a certain number to salvation and the sovereign reprobation of others. There is a sense, indeed, in which the sovereignty of God is absolute. He is under no external restraint whatsoever. He is the Supreme Dispenser of all events. All forms of existence are within the scope of His dominion. And yet this is not to be viewed in any such way as to abridge the reality of the moral freedom of God's responsible creatures or to make men anything else than the arbiters of their own eternal destinies. God has seen fit to create beings with the power of choice between good and evil. He rules over them in justice and wisdom and grace.

This is the whole tenor of the Scriptures and the plain declaration of many passages (e.g., Deut 10:17; Job 36:5; Acts 10:34-35; Rom 2:6; Col 3:25; 1 Peter 1:17).

Thus understood the sovereignty of God is the great ground of confidence for His people, and the proper basis upon which to urge sinners to repentance. See Election.
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**God is in control – complete control.
And, He is good and can be trusted.**