

God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sirs, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

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Week Four Summary

For the good pleasure of His will, God has hand-picked some of us to spend eternity with him. Thanks be to God!! God's creation of us is so complete that it includes the knowledge of our election at the point of creation. Praise be to God!!

Quick Definition of Divine Sovereignty

An omnipotent God who controls all of creation;
An omniscient God knows all of creation;
A loving God who interacts with His creation

The Arminian Error

The error is generally that they assign the props for salvation to man. Specifically, they assign election as conditioned upon us (which is not really election, but rather approval) and they likewise allow for the calling to be effectively ignored.

Sovereignty includes
UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

Exodus 33:19
Deuteronomy 7:6, 7
I Chronicles 29:10-12
Job 42:1-2
Psalm 115:3
Isaiah 14:24, 27
Jeremiah 32:17
Daniel 4:35

Sovereignty includes
EFFECTUAL CALLING

Isaiah 55:11
John 3:27
John 17:2
Romans 9:16
I Corinthians 4:7
Philippians 2:12-13
James 1:18
I John 5:20

Exodus 33:19 (New Revised Standard Version)

And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Deuteronomy 7:6, 7 (New Revised Standard Version)

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples.

I Chronicles 29:10-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

Job 42:1-2 (New Revised Standard Version)

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.

Isaiah 14:24, 27 (New Revised Standard Version)

The LORD of hosts has sworn: As I have designed, so shall it be; and as I have planned, so shall it come to pass: For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?

Jeremiah 32:17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Ah Lord GOD! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

Daniel 4:35 (New Revised Standard Version)

All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does what he wills with the host of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. There is no one who can stay his hand or say to him, "What are you doing?"

Isaiah 55:11 (New Revised Standard Version)

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

John 3:27 (New Revised Standard Version)

John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven.

John 17:2 (New Revised Standard Version)

Since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

Romans 9:16 (New Revised Standard Version)

So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy.

I Corinthians 4:7 (New Revised Standard Version)

For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?

Philippians 2:12-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

James 1:18 (New Revised Standard Version)

In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

I John 5:20 (New Revised Standard Version)

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.