

God, sovereignty of

The fact that God is free and able to do all that he wills; that he reigns over all creation and that his will is the final cause of all things. This is often expressed in the language of kingship.

God is free to do all he wills

[Ps 135:6](#) See also [Ps 115:3](#); [Isa 46:10](#); [Da 4:35](#); [Ro 9:19-21](#)

God is able to do whatever he wills

[Lk 1:37](#) *Gabriel speaking to Mary.* See also [Job 42:2](#); [Mt 19:26](#); [Eph 3:20](#)

God cannot be successfully opposed

[Job 42:2](#) *From Job's prayer of submission and repentance.* See also [1Sa 2:10](#); [2Ch 20:6](#); [Job 9:12](#); [Ecc 7:13](#); [Isa 43:13](#); [45:9-10](#); [Ac 5:39](#)

God rules and reigns

He is King [Ps 29:10](#) See also [1Ch 16:31](#); [Ps 47:2](#); [Isa 6:5](#); [43:15](#); [Jer 10:7,10](#); [Zec 14:9](#); [1Ti 1:17](#); [6:15](#); [Rev 15:3](#); [19:6](#)

He is Lord of heaven and earth [Dt 4:39](#) See also [Ge 24:3](#); [Dt 10:14](#); [Jos 2:11](#); [1Ch 29:11](#); [Ne 9:6](#); [Ps 121:2](#); [134:3](#); [Lk 10:21](#); [Ac 17:24](#)

His throne is a symbol of his sovereignty [Ex 17:16](#); [Ps 45:6](#); [93:2](#); [123:1](#); [Isa 6:1](#) *Isaiah's commission*; [Isa 66:1](#); [Jer 49:38](#); [La 5:19](#); [Eze 1:26](#); [Da 7:9](#) *Daniel's dream*; [Mt 5:34](#); [19:28](#) *Jesus Christ teaches his disciples about things to come*; [Ac 7:49](#); [Heb 1:8](#); [8:1](#); [12:2](#); [Rev 4:2](#); [20:11](#)

God's sovereignty extends over all things

He is sovereign over creation [Rev 4:11](#) See also [Ps 93:1](#); [Isa 40:22](#); [41:18-19](#)

He is sovereign over human life [1Ch 29:12](#) *Part of David's prayer on the occasion of gifts being brought to the temple.* See also [2Ch 25:8](#); [Lk 1:51-53](#); [Ac 18:21](#); [Jas 4:15](#)

He is sovereign over the minutest details of life [Mt 10:29-30](#) pp [Lk 12:6-7](#)

He is sovereign in electing his people [Eph 1:11](#) See also [Ro 8:29](#); [9:11,18](#)

He is sovereign in the life and salvation of his people [1Co 1:30](#) See also [Jer 18:6](#); [1Co 12:11](#); [Php 2:13](#); [Jas 1:18](#)

He is sovereign over the sufferings of believers [Php 1:29](#); [1Pe 3:17](#)

He is sovereign over world history [Pr 21:1](#) See also [Ex 9:16](#); [Ps 22:28](#); [Jer 18:7-10](#); [Da 4:35](#)

God is sovereign over all other gods and over demonic forces

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God is supreme over all gods [Ps 95:3](#) “gods” are part of the created order and subject to God’s sovereignty. See also [Ex 18:11](#); [Dt 10:17](#); [1Ch 16:26](#); [Ps 96:5](#); [Da 2:47](#); [Col 1:16](#)

Satan is defeated through God’s sovereign purposes at work in Jesus Christ [Col 2:15](#) See also [Jn 12:31](#); [Ro 16:20](#); [2Th 2:8](#); [Heb 2:14](#); [2Pe 2:4](#); [1Jn 3:8](#); [Jude 6](#); [Rev 12:7-10](#)