

## GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY – DANIEL 4:24-28

### SERIES: *THE JOURNEY OF PURSUING GOD'S WILL*

<sup>17</sup> "This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic* watchers And the decision is a command of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, And bestows it on whom He wishes And sets over it the lowliest of men." **Daniel 4:17 (NASB)**

- Recognize = *yedah'* – to know, to understand, to make known

<sup>34</sup> "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For **His dominion** is an everlasting dominion, And **His kingdom endures** from generation to generation. **Daniel 4:34 (NASB)**

### 1. GOD ALONE IS SOVEREIGN

<sup>1</sup> The king's heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes. **Proverbs 21:1 (NASB)**

<sup>30</sup> There is no wisdom and no understanding And no counsel against the LORD. **Proverbs 21:30 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, <sup>2</sup> "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup> "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! **Job 38:1-3 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered the LORD and said, <sup>2</sup> "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup> "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" "Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know." **Job 42:1-3 (NASB)**

### 2. WHAT IS SOVEREIGNTY?

<sup>18</sup> So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. <sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" <sup>20</sup> On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? **Romans 9:18-20 (NASB)**

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. ... <sup>13</sup> for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." **Romans 10:9-10, 13 (NASB)**

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! <sup>34</sup> For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? <sup>35</sup> Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen. **Romans 11:33-36 (NASB)**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)**

<sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, <sup>24</sup> then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. **1 Corinthians 15:23-24 (NASB)**

### 3. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY: IS RELEVANT FOR OUR LIVES

A. The sovereignty of God relieves me from anxiety

B. The sovereignty of God frees me from explanation

C. The sovereignty of God keeps me from pride