



# The Lord's Day Worship

April 19, 2020

## Opening Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Read or have someone in your home read aloud Psalm 29:3-11 and then have an open time of prayer, giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness and mercy. After closing in prayer, you may begin to play the service audio or video from the church website.

## Riverwood Family Greeting

The Grogans

## Elder Greeting & Pastoral Prayer

Mark Reed

## Songs of Praise

Dave & Jolie Herndon

*"Behold Our God"*

*"Whatever My God Ordains is Right"*

## The Teaching of the Word Ron

Scarborough

*"The Sovereignty of God Defined"*

## Song of Response

*"Sovereign Over Us"*

## Benediction

Read or have someone in your home read aloud Isaiah 55:6-7

**RIVERWOOD BIBLE CHURCH**  
**THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD DEFINED**  
**Ron Scarbrough – April 19, 2020**

**Objective** - I hope that you will leave this service today with a refreshed awareness of this overarching attribute of our great God, so that you will enjoy a new depth of love and awe and reverence for Him who alone is utterly Sovereign.

**The Big Question:** Who is regulating affairs on earth today, God or Satan?

Two things beyond dispute: God is the Sovereign Creator; Man is a responsible creature.

That God reigns supreme in Heaven is generally conceded; that He does so over this world is almost universally denied – if not directly, then indirectly.

Q. Doesn't everything we see seem to show that the Devil has far more to do with the affairs of earth than God? A. Depends. Are we walking by faith or by sight?

God's Word asserts not only that there are no limits to His *ability* to act, there are also no limits to His *authority* to act.

*"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all." (I Chronicles 29:11)*

**To say God is Sovereign is to speak of ...**

His \_\_\_\_\_

Him as \_\_\_\_\_

Him as the \_\_\_\_\_

Him as the \_\_\_\_\_

KJV *Potentate* = \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sovereignty of God is said to be absolute, irresistible, infinite**

It is His *right* to govern the universe He made just as He pleases.

It is the right of the Potter over the clay. "Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker!" (Isa. 45:9)

He is under no rule or law outside of His own will and nature.

**He is Sovereign in the exercise of His power.**

He exercises it as He wills, when he wills, and where He wills.

**He is Sovereign in the delegation of His power.**

God is Sovereign, and being Sovereign, He does as He pleases.

**He is Sovereign in the exercise of His mercy.** "I will have mercy *on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*" (Romans 9:15)

**He is Sovereign in the exercise of His love.** "...*In love* He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the *kind intention of His will.*" (Eph.1:4b-5)

**He is Sovereign in the exercise of His grace.**

Grace is favor shown to the undeserving; Grace is the antithesis of justice.

Justice demands the impartial enforcement of law, requires each to receive his legitimate due. Justice bestows no favors, is no respecter of persons, shows no pity and knows no mercy.

"Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?" (Genesis 18:25b)

“There are many mysteries in life for which the truth of Gen. 18:25b is the only satisfying answer.” -  
William MacDonald