

Sermon Title: God is Sovereign

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- **God is Incomprehensible** – **Romans 11:33** – “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!”
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- **God is Transcendent** – **Psalm 113:4-5** – “The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high.”
- **God is Immanent** - **Psalm 139:1** – “O Lord, you have searched me and known me!”
- **God is Sovereign** - **Romans 11:36** – “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

Psalm 119:111 – “Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.” Do we agree with that statement? Any evidence?

Westminster Confession of Faith Shorter Catechism Q #1– *What is the chief end of man?* **Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever!**

It’s easy to glorify and enjoy a God who is Incomprehensible... Known... Transcendent... and Immanent... **But what about a God who is sovereign?**

A God who is sovereign, is a God who is in control... who is responsible for everything that comes to pass... who gives & takes away... who is in charge!

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But what about **“When sorrows like sea billows roll...”** *Can we truly declare, “Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul!”*

What does Scripture really say about God’s sovereignty? **Psalm 135**

The #7 in the Bible means “wholeness, completion, perfection...”

In Psalm 135, there are 7 examples given of God’s sovereignty!

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“For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.”
Romans 9:6-16... **“Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated!”**
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- 3) God is sovereign over **His creation** – Vs. 6-7
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- 6) God is sovereign over **outcomes** – Vs. 12, 14
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- 7) God is sovereign over **all idols** – Vs. 15-17
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There is only one true God... one sovereign... one king... and He is the LORD!

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