

SERIES: God Is
SERMON #12: God Is Sovereign
TEXT: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 11:3; Isaiah 46:10; Isaiah 45:9
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From the smallest thing to the greatest thing, good and evil, happy and sad, pagan and Christian, pain and pleasure - God governs them all for his wise and just and good purposes ([Isaiah 46:10](#)). Lest we miss the point, the Bible speaks most clearly to this in the most painful situations. Amos asks, in time of disaster, "If a calamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it?" ([Amos 3:6](#)). After losing all ten of his children in the collapse of his son's house, Job says, "The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD" ([Job 1:21](#)). After being covered with boils he says, "Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" ([Job 2:10](#)). - John Piper

What is your biggest hangup in wrestling with the reality of God's sovereignty?

In what area(s) of life do you feel most out of control? Does that lack of control partially dictate how you live your life?

Are there events in your life that have caused you to doubt verses like Romans 8:28?

"In 1279, the Mongol empire established by Genghis Khan was the largest contiguous empire in the history of the world. It included modern day Mongolia, China, Russia, and much of central Asia and Eastern Europe. It covered more than 12 million square miles and contained 25 percent of the world's population. So why is present-day Mongolia less than 8 percent of its previous size? The empire was the origin point of the bubonic plague, known as the Black Death. Fleas that traveled on rats transmitted the disease, eventually killing one-third of the entire human population. With the Mongol empire already suffering internal divisions, the chaos created by the plague made political control impossible, and the empire collapsed. Was God sovereign over the fleas? Yes. The rats? Yes. The plague? Yes. And the empire? Yes. From the tiniest to the greatest, God's sovereignty extends over all." - Jerry Bridges