

God Supremely Reigns

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Various Scripture

I. God is Supreme.

- A. God is the supreme Ruler over all that exists.
 - 1. **Psalm 103:19**, *The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*
 - a) “*His kingdom*,” refers to His royal authority; His kingship; reign; realm; sovereignty.
 - b) God is above, superior, and rules all others.
 - 2. **1 Timothy 6:15**, *Which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,*
 - a) The only and absolute Sovereign Ruler.
 - b) God is unrivaled in His supremacy.
 - 3. The Psalms declare four times, “The Lord reigns...”
 - a) The Bold Declaration – The Lord reigns (Refutes any “joint” reign with man, Satan, superstition, karma, luck, or another ruler). God will not be overruled.
 - b) The Present tense Declaration – ever moment of every day God reigns!
 - (1) **Unrivaled by any spiritual adversary- Psalm 93:1**, *The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.*
 - (2) **Over all the Earth - Psalm 97:1**, *The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!*
 - (3) **Over Every Nation - Psalm 96:10**, *Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”*
 - (4) **Over Every Person - Psalm 99:1**, *The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*
- B. God is unchallenged in His Reign.
 - 1. **Psalm 115:3**, *Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*
 - 2. **Psalm 135:6**, *Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.*
 - 3. **Daniel 4:35**, *All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”*
- C. God’s throne is forever established (**Revelation 4:2**, *At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.*)

II. God is Creator

- A. God exercised His unrivaled authority in the creation of the universe.
 - 1. **Job 38:4**, *“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.* (other ref. **Psalm 104:5**; **Proverbs 30:4**; **Isaiah 40:12-14**; **Proverbs 8:24-29**)
- B. The Psalmist account of Creation
 - 1. **Psalm 33:6-9**, *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.*
 - 2. **Psalm 104:5**, *He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.*
 - 3. **Psalm 104:24**, *O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*
 - 4. **Psalm 148:5**, *Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.*
- C. In the New Testament, the act of Creation was entrusted to Christ (**Colossians 1:16**; **Hebrews 1:2, 11:3**)

III. God is Predeterminer.

- A. God the Father is the sole architect of His eternal plan (decree). His master plan encompasses everything that comes to pass.
 - 1. **Ephesians 1:11**, *In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the*

purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

- a) **Counsel** – His all-wise deliberation within Himself. God weighed every possibility for creation, history, and eternity.
- b) **Will** – He chose His “will” a plan so comprehensive in nature that “random” occurrences are not random. (**Proverbs 16:33**)
- c) **Purpose** – “a setting forth; the quality of being determined”
 - (1) **Romans 8:28**, *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* (Romans 9:11)
 - (2) **2 Timothy 1:9**, *Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,*
- d) **Predestined** – “to mark the horizon beforehand.”
 - (1) A traveling term that means a predetermined destination.
 - (2) **Romans 8:29–30**, *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

2. **Acts 4:26–28**; esp. **Acts 4:28**, *To do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.* (In reference to the crucifixion as determined by God) *Nevertheless, not my will but yours be done.*

B. For further reference (**Ephesians 1:5**; **1 Thessalonians 1:4**; **2 Thessalonians 2:1**)

IV. God is Executor

A. Every event is according to His divine plan.

- 1. **Isaiah 46:9–11**, *Remember the former things of old; [Exodus 15:11] for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' 11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.* [reference to Cyrus?]

B. God sent His Son according to His divine plan (**Luke 1:35**; **Galatians 4:4**)

V. God is Meticulous

- A. God controls not only the grand, big things of the world, but the smallest details as well (Macro>Micro)
- B. God determines the days of our life (**Job 14:5**, *Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass,* (See also **Psalm 139:16**)
- C. God governs the casting of lots, the throw of the dice. **Proverbs 16:33**, *The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.* (See also **Matthew 27:35**)
- D. God numbers the hairs on your head (**Matthew 10:29–30**)

VI. God is Overruling

- A. God’s eternal plan is overruled by no one (**Psalm 33:10–11**, *The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.*)
- B. **Proverbs 21:1**, *The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.*
- C. See also **Isaiah 14:27**; **1 Timothy 6:15**; **1 John 4:4**; **Matthew 16:18**.

VII. God is Completing

- A. God will bring His plan to fulfillment (**Revelation 17:17**, *For God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.*)
- B. God will bring His work in believers to fulfillment (**Philippians 1:6**, *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*)

VIII. God is Ultimate

- A. All things are subject to God (**1 Corinthians 15:27–28**, *For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.*)
- B. **Revelation 11:15**, *Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”* See also **Revelation 19:6**