

Series: The Attributes of God
Message: "Whose in Charge?"

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Genesis 37

2. Major lessons from Joseph's life
a. God is at work in EVERYTHING

Big Idea: The doctrine of the sovereignty of God may very well be the foundation of all Christian theology. It is the Christian's strength and comfort amid the storms of life.

I. REVIEW

- A. The God we are studying is the God of REVELATION, not the God of our MAKING. The first one leads to WORSHIP, the second one to IDOLATRY
- B. The God we are studying can be KNOWN; but the God we are studying is also INCOMPREHENSIBLE

II. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

- A. DEFINED – God is the SINGLE supreme RULER of the universe. He is King and He is Lord.

B. DESCRIBED

- 1. Sovereign over MAN I Samuel 2:6-8
- 2. Sovereign over NATIONS Isaiah 40:15
- 3. Sovereign over HISTORY Psalm 115:1-3
- 4. Sovereign over SATAN Job 1:6-12
- 5. Sovereign over SIN Acts 4:26-28

C. DIFFICULTY

- 1. If God is sovereign why do BAD things happen?
- 2. If God is sovereign is man RESPONSIBLE?

D. DEMONSTRATED from the life of Joseph - Genesis 37

- 1. Major events in Joseph's life:

- b. God is able to use BAD to accomplish GOOD
- c. God has the END in view, not just the PRESENT
- d. God's sovereignty, when understood, keeps us from BITTERNESS...toward OTHERS and toward GOD

III. APPLICATION

In response to the doctrine of sovereignty we either come to the place where we submit to His LORDSHIP, or we live in REBELLION against Him

Scripture memory verse: Last week: Psalm 46:10
This week: Psalm 103:19