

## 7. God's Sovereignty

As the one and only God, God has supreme power and control over all things. Comprehending this and its implications is vital to having a sound understanding of God and of his relationship to the world – including his relationship with ourselves.

### God Rules Supreme

#### He is the one and only God

[GOD:] *And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.* <sup>22</sup>“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.” [ISAIAH 45:21B-22](#) ESV

#### God rules over all

*O LORD, you are great, mighty, majestic, magnificent, glorious, and sovereign over all the sky and earth! You have dominion and exalt yourself as the ruler of all.* [1 CHRONICLES 29:11](#) NET

Note that “LORD” is what God said is his name. It can be derived from the Hebrew for “I AM” (in Exodus 3:14). It appears to express God’s unchanging nature, self-existence, self-determination and being ever-present.

#### God will reign forever

*But you, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation.* [LAMENTATIONS 5:19](#) NET

#### God carries out his plans

The LORD Almighty has sworn an oath: *“What I have planned will happen. What I have determined to do will be done.”* [ISAIAH 14:24](#) GNT

#### God will impose his absolute rule on all

[JOHN, DESCRIBING A VISION:] They said, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to rule.” [REVELATION 11:17](#) ISV

## God Has Control over All Things

### God has control over evil

[PAUL, TO BELIEVERS:] The only temptation that has come to you is that which everyone has. But you can trust *God, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand. But when you are tempted, he will also give you a way to escape so that you will be able to stand it.*

[1 CORINTHIANS 10:13](#) NCV™

### God has control over nature

*He loads the clouds with moisture; he scatters his lightning through the clouds. <sup>12</sup>The clouds go round in circles, wheeling about according to his plans, to carry out all that he commands them over the face of the whole inhabited world.* [JOB 37:11-12](#) NET

### God has control over the nations

[A PSALMIST, TO GOD:] May the nations be glad and sing for joy, because you judge the peoples with justice and guide every nation on earth. [PSALMS 67:4](#) GNT

## God Has Control over People

### God has control over people's minds

*The LORD caused the Egyptians to think well of them, and the Egyptians gave the people everything they asked for.* [EXODUS 12:36A](#) NCV™

### God has control over people's actions

[DANIEL, TO KING BELSHAZZAR:] But you have not glorified the *God who has in his control your very breath and all your ways!* [DANIEL 5:23B](#) NET

### God controls all that happens to people

[A WISE TEACHER:] *When life is good, enjoy it. But when life is hard, remember: God gives good times and hard times, and no one knows what tomorrow will bring.* [ECCLESIASTES 7:14](#) NCV™