

Be Anxious for Nothing...We Have a Sovereign God

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1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN

God is on the throne of the universe; the scepter is in His hands; He is directing all things after the counsel of His own will.

God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will freely and immutably ordain whatsoever comes to pass.
~Westminster Confession of Faith

If God is not sovereign, God is not God.

For God to be sovereign, there cannot be even one maverick molecule in the universe running loose outside of God's control.
~R. C. Sproul

Daniel 4:35 *He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, 'What hast Thou done?'*

2. GOD IS GOOD

Psalm 119:68 *You are good and do good.*

That God is good is taught or implied on every page of the Bible and must be received as an article of faith as impregnable as the throne of God. ~A.W. Tozer

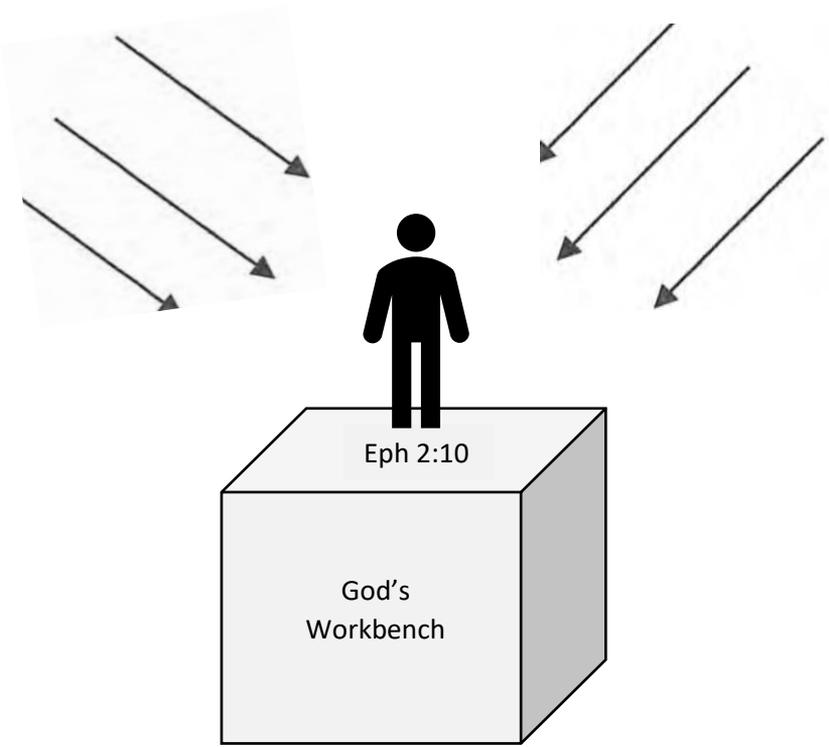
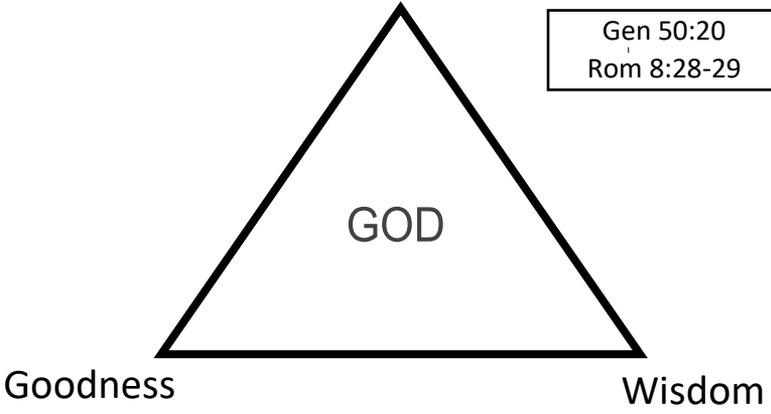
*What God ordain is always good, this truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
~Samuel Ridigast, 1681*

3. GOD IS ALL WISDOM

Daniel 2:20 *Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for WISDOM and power belong to Him.*

Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relationship to all and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision. ~A.W. Tozer

Sovereignty



Knowing that whatever may happen is ordained by the Lord, I am to receive it with a peaceful and thankful heart, that I may not be guilty of resisting the RULE of Him to whom I have committed myself and my all. ~John Calvin

Our lives are based on one or the other of two attitudes: We either take the bare Word of God and live by it—or we don't. ~Martyn Lloyd-Jones

4. GOD'S SOVEREIGN GOOD IN THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for GOOD in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

5. GOD'S SOVEREIGN GOOD IN THE LIFE OF JOB

It is our theology—a right thinking about who God is—which enables us to be anxious for nothing, even in the midst of life circumstances for which we have no answer to our "why" questions.

To BELIEVE God, with or without evidence, simply because He has spoken;

To SUBMIT to God, with or without understanding because He is both sovereign and good;

To WORSHIP God because He is worthy—this delivers, to the believer, a peace that surpasses understanding, baffles unbelievers, instructs angels and glorifies God. ~Layton Talbert

WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

What God ordains is always good;
His will abideth holy.
As He direct my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
God indeed in every need
Doth well know how to shield me;
To Him then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good.
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His own right way,
And never will He leave me.
I take content what He hath sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.

What God ordains is always good.
His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
That my Physician sends me.
My God is true, each morn anew
I'll trust His grace unending.
My life to Him commending

What God ordains is always good
He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm,
Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know both joy and woe,
Some day I shall see clearly
That he hath loved me dearly.

What God ordains is always good,
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken
I fear no harm, for with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

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