

Sovereignty of God

Introduction: God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of everything in this world. Though man has been given a free will, God's \_\_\_\_\_ will still come to pass, and He will determine what ultimately happens in your life. Man is not as in control of things as he \_\_\_\_\_ he is.

- I. God's Providence with \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccl. 8)
- A. Wisdom is key in our keeping in line with God's sovereign \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. These verses were written from the perspective of a ruler having \_\_\_\_\_ authority.
  - C. Wisdom teaches us how to properly \_\_\_\_\_ towards authority.
  - D. To \_\_\_\_\_ a king was foolish and could result in death.
  - E. God is the one who \_\_\_\_\_ men in positions in authority (Ro. 13:1-2).
  - F. The best way to avoid trouble is to do \_\_\_\_\_.
  - G. "The wise person would know the best course of \_\_\_\_\_ and when to apply it" (Bible Knowledge Commentary).
  - H. There are many things that are simply out of our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I. God will always be the \_\_\_\_\_ authority in our lives.
  - J. Though there are times when it seems the wicked are getting away with sin, those that \_\_\_\_\_ God will be the blessed ones in the long run (Ps. 73).
  - K. It is best that we enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ God has sovereignly given.
  - L. You will never \_\_\_\_\_ everything in life—you just need to trust that God knows best and has a plan.
- II. God's Providence with \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccl. 9)
- A. Death will come to both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the ungodly.
  - B. Death is the end of all \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. While a person is still living there is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. The time to make an impact on those around us is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. "Solomon didn't urge us to join the 'jet set' and start searching for exotic pleasures in far away places. Instead, he listed some of the common experiences of \_\_\_\_\_ life: happy leisurely meals, joyful family celebrations, a faithful, loving marriage, and hard work" (Wiersbe).
  - F. A Christian should always do their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - G. The good things we have are not because of our own efforts, but from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - H. The difficult times do not come only when we are in \_\_\_\_\_, but can come at anytime.
  - I. A \_\_\_\_\_ wise man is better than a strong foolish army.
  - J. "\_\_\_\_\_ sinner destroyeth \_\_\_\_\_ good" (Joshua 7).
  - K. What we do affects \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Jonah, Achan, etc.)

Conclusion: "A sovereign Providence breaks men's measures, and blasts their hopes, and teaches them that the way of man is in himself, but subject to the divine will" (Henry).