

Seeing God

Why worship this God?

He is _____

Sovereign - (adj) 1. above or superior to all others; chief; greatest; supreme 2. supreme in power, rank, or authority 3. of or holding the position of ruler; royal; reigning 4. independent of all others 5. excellent; outstanding

Synonymous Meaning - ruler, ultimate authority, King of kings, Lord of lords, without equal, without limitation in any way, the only absolutely free being in the universe.

He is..... before all things (Col 1:17, Ps 90:2, Rev 1:8, 1 Tim 6:16)
created all things (Gen 1:1, Jn 1:3, Col 1:16)
upholds all things (Heb 1:3, Col 1:17)
is above all things (Eph 4:6, Isa 45:5-12)
knows all things (Esa 46:10, Ps 139:4, 6)
can do all things (Jer 32:27, Lk 1:37)
accomplishes all things (Isa 14:24, 46:10, Eph 1:11)
rules over all things (Dan 4:34-35, 1 Ch 29:11-12)
is in control of all things (Job 42:2, Rom 8:28)

_____ will enter your life that He cannot work out for your good.

How does God reveal His sovereignty to us?

- 1. Through His _____
Sovereign Lord Most High Alpha and Omega (beginning and end)
King of kings Lord of lords

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- 2. Through His _____
Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Phil 2:9-11 God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- 3. Through His _____ (History)
Joseph's story: ***Gen 50:19-21 "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, to judge and punish you? As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil. He brought me to the high position I have today so I could save the lives of many people. No, don't be afraid. Indeed, I***

myself will take care of you and your families." And he spoke very kindly to them, reassuring them.

Your story: He is sovereign in your _____ too.

4. Through _____

Sovereignty does not mean we are to be _____.

We can have a sense of _____ and trust things will never spin out of God's control.

Is 44:6-8 "This is what the LORD says-- Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come-- yes, let him foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

5. Through _____

Gal 4:4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son.....

God is in control but He doesn't _____.

How must we respond to a sovereign God?

1. _____ before the King of the Universe

Is 45:23 "I have sworn by my own name, and I will never go back on my word: Every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will confess allegiance to my name."

Bowing is an act of absolute _____.

2. _____ all that comes into your life is either allowed or decreed by a good God who will use it for your benefit.

The good He wants for me more than my own happiness is for me to be conformed into the image of _____.

ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO _____!

3. _____ in awe the mystery and majesty of His kind, compassionate, just, and sovereign rule of all that is or will ever be.

Rom 11:33-36 (Msg) Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It's way over our heads. We'll never figure it out. Is there anyone around who can explain God? Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do? Anyone who has done him such a huge favor that God has to ask his advice? Everything comes from him; Everything happens through him; Everything ends up in him. Always glory! Always praise! Yes. Yes. Yes!