

What do we do with deeply held convictions that don't line up with Scripture? The preached Word is to capture those beliefs and put them in jail. Destroy the thoughts contrary to Scripture, 2 Cor 10:5.

The Extent of the Sovereignty of God in Salvation: There is a human element is a call for response, Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized," Rom. 10:14, "call to salvation." Who initiated faith - God or the sinner? Peter made a call before Acts 2:38, in V37, they were "cut" to the heart. "Cut" is a passive verb meaning that someone else moved in their heart to beg for mercy.

From God's Word, these are the Scriptures that help answer, "How sovereign is God?" It is our nature to rebel; everyone is born that way. But it is God's choice to show mercy.

Old Testament Passages about God's Sovereignty:

- >Gen. 1:1, God created everything by His choice; 12:1-3, God chose Abraham, Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Joseph to rule over his brothers;
- >Ex. 3:1-2, God chose Moses; 13:1-2, "is Mine;" 19:4, "I bore you;"
- >Lev. 20:26, "you should be Mine;" >Num. 8:5-6, God takes the Levites;
- >Deut. 7:6-8, "has chosen you;" 14:2, "has chosen you;"
- >Josh. 24:3, "Then I took;" >Judges 6:11-14, "Have I not sent you;"
- >Ruth 4:13, 17, Ruth chosen to be the great grandmother of King David;
- >1 Sam. 3:20-21, "Samuel has been established ..of the Lord;"
- >2 Sam. 7:8, "I took you;" V12-13, "I will establish;"
- >1 Kings 3:8, "Your people whom You have chosen;" 19:18, "I have reserved;"
- >2 Kings 5:1, "Lord had given..;" V14, God healed Naaman;
- >1 Chron. 11:3, "according to the Word of the Lord;"
- >2 Chron. 36:23, "The Lord, God of heaven has given me..;"
- >Ezra 1:2, "The Lord, God of heaven has given me...;"
- >Nehemiah 9:7, "The Lord God who chose Abram;"
- >Esther 1:1-2, not one prayer recorded asking God to save them, but God saves them because of Deut. 7:6-8, God has set His love on them and chosen Israel.
- >Job 42:7-8, "I will accept his prayer [Job];" God chose Job's friends for salvation;
- >Psalm 135:4, "The Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself...;"
- >Proverbs 16:9, "The Lord establishes His steps;"
- >Eccl. 8:17, mankind will never have the full picture only God knows it;
- >Song of Solomon 8:6, "a flame of YAH;" Love comes from God to love another.
- >Isaiah 41:8-9, "I have chosen you," 46:9-10, "Declaring the end from the beginning;" 64:8, "We are all the work of Your hand;"
- >Jeremiah 1:4-5, "I formed you," "I knew you," this know is intimate, experiential knowledge;
- >Lam. 3:37-38, "...from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come;"

- >Ezekiel 16:6, "I said to you in your blood, Live!"
- >Dan. 5:28, 30, "Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes;"
- >Hosea 13:4-5, "I knew you in the wilderness;"
- >Joel 2:32, "Among the survivors whom the Lord calls;"
- >Amos 7:14- 15, "The Lord took me;" "Go prophesy to My people Israel;"
- >Obadiah 17, a decree of salvation for some of Jacob on Mount Zion;
- >Jonah 1:17, "the Lord has appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah;"
- >Micah 2:12, "I will assemble all of you, O Jacob;"
- >Nahum 2:2, "The Lord is restoring;"
- >Hab. 2:4, "The righteous shall live by his faith;" God's decree to save'
- >Zeph. 2:9, "the survivors of My people shall possess them," salvation for some;
- >Haggai 2:23, "I have chosen you;"
- >Zechariah 13:8, "Two-thirds in it shall be cut off. But one-third shall be left in it;"
- >Malachi 3:17, "They shall be Mine," "I will spare them;"

New Testament Passages about God's Sovereignty:

- >Matthew 13:24, 37; >Mark 2:5; >Luke 9:35;
- >John 1:12-13; 3:7-8; 6:37, 44, 65; 15:16; 17:2, 6;
- >Acts 9:3-6; 13:48; 18:9-10;
- >Romans 8:29-30; 9:7, 9, 11, 15, 20-23; 11:2, 5; 16:13;
- >1 Cor. 1:27, 29-30; 2:14; >2 Cor. 4:6; >Gal. 3:3;
- >Eph. 1:4-6, 11; >Phil. 1:6; >Col. 3:12;
- >1 Thess. 1:4; 5:9; >2 Thess. 2:13; >1 Tim. 5:21;
- >2 Tim. 1:9; >Titus 1:1; >Philemon 4, 5;
- >Heb. 13:20; >James 1:18; >1 Peter 1:2-3;
- >2 Pet. 1:10; >I John 4:10; 5:1; >2 John 1:1, 13;
- >3 John 11; >Jude 5; >Rev. 13:7-8; 17:8; 21:27;

- **Prayer is the means by which God accomplishes His Sovereign will.**
>Psalm115:1, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory."

Further Discussion and Application

Salvation is a work of God that brings glory to God's name. What name is given to man by which we must be saved? How is God's glory shining brightly through the work of Jesus?

How does God receive all the glory when sinners come to Him and are kept by His Word and His power? Who sustains all things and keeps all things? Read Colossians 1:16-18. Who has ordered or created all things? What place does this put Jesus in above all things?

Read Romans 9:14-23. Who is the potter and who is the clay?