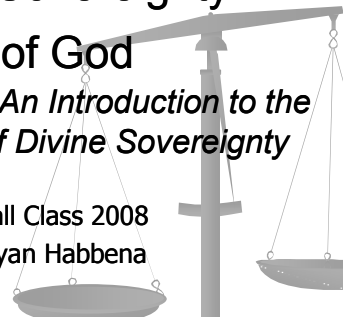


# The Sovereignty of God

*Week One: An Introduction to the  
Doctrine of Divine Sovereignty*

Fall Class 2008  
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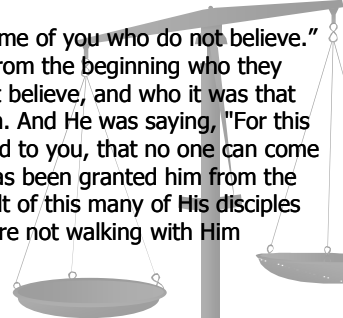
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## A Suitable Starting Point

- John 6:64-66  
 "But there are some of you who do not believe."  
 For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father. As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.




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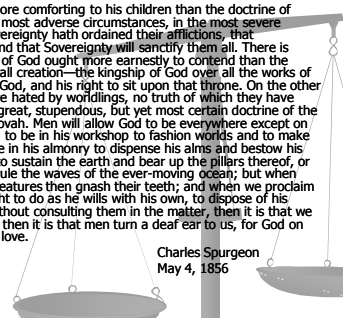
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## Spurgeon's Wisdom on Sovereignty

There is no attribute of God more comforting to his children than the doctrine of Divine Sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe troubles, they believe that Sovereignty hath ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children of God ought more earnestly to contend than the dominion of their Master over all creation—the kingship of God over all the works of his own hands—the throne of God, and his right to sit upon that throne. On the other hand, there is no doctrine more hated by worldlings, no truth of which they have made such a foot-ball, as the great, stupendous, but yet most certain doctrine of the Sovereignty of the infinite Jehovah. Men will allow God to be everywhere except on his throne. They will allow him to be in his workshop to fashion worlds and to make stars. They will allow him to be in his almonry to dispense his alms and bestow his bounties. They will allow him to sustain the earth and bear up the pillars thereof, or light the lamps of heaven, or rule the waves of the ever-moving ocean; but when God ascends his throne, his creatures then gnash their teeth; and when we proclaim an *enthroned God*, and his right to do as he wills with his own, to dispose of his creatures as he thinks well, without consulting them in the matter, then it is that we are hissed and execrated, and then it is that men turn a deaf ear to us, for God on his throne is not the God they love.

Charles Spurgeon  
May 4, 1856




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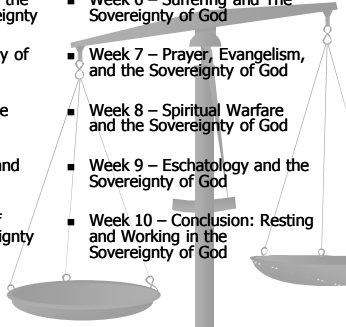
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## Outline of Our Ten Sessions

- Week 1 – Introduction to the Doctrine of Divine Sovereignty
- Week 2 – The Sovereignty of God and the Human Will
- Week 3 – Election and the Sovereignty of God
- Week 4 – Sanctification and the Sovereignty of God
- Week 5 – The Security of Salvation and the Sovereignty of God
- Week 6 – Suffering and The Sovereignty of God
- Week 7 – Prayer, Evangelism, and the Sovereignty of God
- Week 8 – Spiritual Warfare and the Sovereignty of God
- Week 9 – Eschatology and the Sovereignty of God
- Week 10 – Conclusion: Resting and Working in the Sovereignty of God



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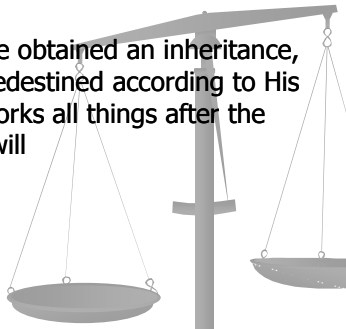
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## The All Encompassing Sovereignty of God Simply Stated

Ephesians 1:11

...also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will



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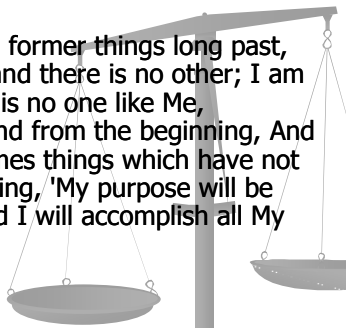
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## Declaring the End from the Beginning

Isaiah 46:9-10

"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'



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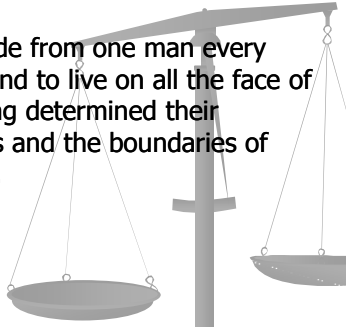
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## God's Providential Rule

- Acts 17:26

. . . and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.



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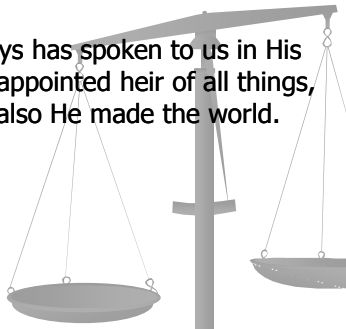
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## Creating "the Ages"

Hebrews 1:2

In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.



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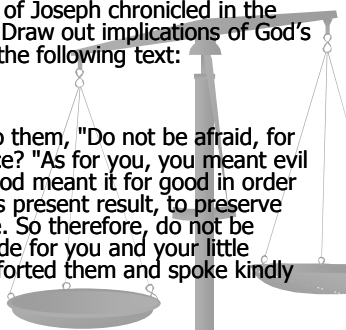
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## Next Week: The Sovereignty of God and the Human Will

- Reflect on the life of Joseph chronicled in the book of Genesis. Draw out implications of God's sovereignty from the following text:

Genesis 50:19-21

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? "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. So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.



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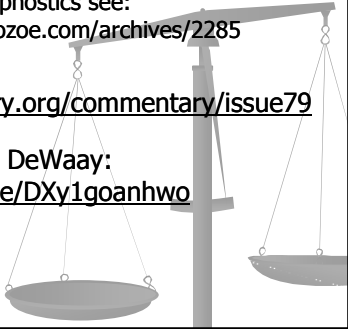
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<https://www.echozoe.com/archives/2285>

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