

GOD REIGNS OVER ME

Getting To Know God – Part 2

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Romans 11: 33-36

“...Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything.” I Chronicles 29: 10-13 (LB)

Do I have any free choice?

Yes, but it is limited

HOW GOD’S CONTROL AFFECTS ME (BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL..)

1. MY PLANS HAVE A LIMIT

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” Proverbs 19: 21 (NIV)

*“We may make our plans, but God has the last word.”
Proverbs 16: 1 (GN)*

Wrong Attitude: PRESUMPTION

“Now listen, you who say ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money. Why, you don’t even know what will happen tomorrow!... Instead, you ought to say, If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that...” James 4: 13-15 (NIV)

Right Attitude: COOPERATION

*“We should make our plans—counting on God to direct us.”
Proverbs 16:9 (LB)*

2. MY PROBLEMS HAVE A PURPOSE

*“...at present, you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident—it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold...”
I Peter 1: 6-7 (Ph)*

JOB'S RESPONSE: *"The Lord gave me everything I have, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21 (LB)*

JOSEPH'S RESPONSE: *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20 (NIV)*

MY RESPONSE: LOOK PAST THE PAIN

"This is the reason we never lose heart... These troubles (which are temporary) are winning for us a permanent, glorious, and solid reward out of proportion to our pain."
II Corinthians 4: 16-17 (Ph)

3. MY PRAYERS HAVE AN IMPACT

"(God) ... is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." Ephesians 3: 20 (LB)