



**Our God is SOVEREIGN**  
**He is in Total Control**



**This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:  
[2] "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give  
you my message." [3] So I went down to the potter's  
house, and I saw him working at the wheel. [4] But the  
pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his  
hands... Jeremiah 18:1-4**



**so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. [5] Then the word of the LORD came to me: [6] "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.**

**Jeremiah 18:4-6**



## **SOVEREIGNTY** (John Piper)

- ◆ **God has the Power and RIGHT to govern all things**
- ◆ **God Governs ALL things for His own wise and Holy Purposes**



**SOVEREIGNTY...** (Westminster Confession)

**God Ordains whatever comes to pass**



## **SOVEREIGNTY** (Bill McRae)

**God is totally and completely supreme  
absolute creator and ruler the one and  
only God**



**[34] At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. Daniel 4:34**



[35] All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he PLEASES with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" Daniel 4:35



## **God is in COMPLETE Control**

- ◆ **He does what He WANTS to with Heavenly Powers**
- ◆ **He does as He CHOOSES on Earth**
- ◆ **No one Can STOP Him**
- ◆ **No one Can QUESTION Him**



**"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways," declares the  
LORD. [9] "As the heavens are higher than the  
earth, so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**Isaiah 55:8-9**



**As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, [11] so is MY WORD that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT I DESIRE and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11**



→ These verses Remind us that...  
God is INFINITE  
...and we are NOT



## **When God Speaks His...**

- ◆ **plan WILL BE Accomplished**
- ◆ **purpose WILL BE Fulfilled**



**So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. [4] But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, SHAPING IT AS SEEMED BEST TO HIM.**

**Jeremiah 18:3-4**



**But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.**

**Isaiah 64:8 (ESV)**



## **The Master Potter...**

- ◆ **OWNS** the Clay
- ◆ **SHAPES** the clay in the way He **CHOOSES**
- ◆ does **Not CONSULT** the Clay



**"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. Acts 2:22**



**This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. Acts 2:23 (NASU)**



## **Sovereignty and Responsibility**

- ◆ **God's PLAN** was for Jesus to **DIE**
- ◆ **Jewish leaders DEMANDED** Jesus' **Death**
- ◆ **Roman Soldiers** nailed Him to a **Cross**



**You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. [21] So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.'**  
**And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.**

**Genesis 50:20-21**



**God did all of this as part of His Sovereign Plan...**

- ◆ **to Shape and Form Joseph into a godly man**
- ◆ **to continue to Cause people of Israel to grow and Prosper and Become a Nation**



**This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. [11] For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:10-13**



**Then you will call upon me and come and pray  
to me, and I will listen to you. [13] You will  
seek me and find me when you seek me with all  
your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13**



**To Believe GOD is Sovereign each day...**

- ◆ **we SUBMIT to His Will**
- ◆ **we REAFFIRM His Goodness**
- ◆ **we COMMIT ourselves to Obeying Him**