



# Suffering and the Sovereignty of God



## **GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY MEANS HE... (J. McDonald)**

- ◆ **is the Ruler of all**
- ◆ **answers to no one**
- ◆ **can accomplish whatever HE Choose**
- ◆ **sees history from beginning to end**
- ◆ **is Afraid nothing, Ignorant of nothing, Needing nothing**
- ◆ **never makes a mistake**



## **Consequences for their Disobedience**

- ◆ **Sin and Death**
- ◆ **Creation was Cursed**
- ◆ **Pain and Suffering**



**Deuteronomy 30:19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live**



**Job 1:8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."**



## God States that Job...

- ◆ is blameless
- ◆ is upright
- ◆ fears God
- ◆ shuns evil



**Job 1:12 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger..."**



**Job 1:20-22 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship [21] and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." [22] In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrong doing.**



## **Job Fell on His face before God...**

- ◆ **in complete Surrender**
- ◆ **in total Acceptance**
- ◆ **and refused to sin**



**Job 2:10 You are talking like a foolish woman.  
Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?  
In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.**



**Job 42:5-6 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; [6] Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes." (NASU)**



**Matthew 7:9-11 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? [10] Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? [11] If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"**



**Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. (NASU)**



## RESPOND TO GOD BY... (John Piper)

### ◆ Reaffirm the Absolute Sovereignty of God

*Psalms 115:3 ...our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.* (NASU)

### ◆ Freely and Fully Express our Emotions

*Job 1:20-21 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head...*



## RESPOND TO GOD BY... (John Piper)

### ◆ Trust the Goodness of God

*Psalms 63:3 Your unfailing love is better to me than life itself; how I praise you! (NLT)*

### ◆ Submit to All that God is doing in Your Life

*Job 2:10 ... "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"*