

Job 1:8, 11-12 (NLT)

[8] Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.” ...[11] But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!” [12] “All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.

Job 1:13-16 (NLT)

[13] One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house, [14] a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, [15] when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." [16] While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

Job 1:17-19 (NLT)

[17] While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: “Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.” [18] While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother’s home. [19] Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

Job 1:20-22 (NLT)

[20] Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. [21] He said, “I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!” [22] In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

God Crucifies His Son!

John 19:1-24



Religious Rulers

- **Doing things secretly in the dark**
- **Screaming, hollering, false accusations**
- **Said Caesar was their King**
- **Said they were doing what God required by killing Jesus**

Jesus

- **Spoke and taught openly for everyone to hear**
- **Silent before His accusers**
- **Jesus WAS the Messiah the King**
- **Jesus was doing what God Required by dying**

Jesus Came in Obedience to God's Plan...

- God's sovereign **PLAN** included **Weakness**
- God's sovereign **WILL** included the **Horror and Shame of the Cross**
- God's sovereign **PURPOSE** included **allowing Satan to triumph briefly**

The Sovereignty of God is... (~B. Bill)

- a **HUMBLING** doctrine
- an **EXALTING** doctrine
- a **PERPLEXING** doctrine
- a **CLARIFYING** doctrine
- an **EMPOWERING** doctrine

Response to God's Sovereignty... (~LaCroix)

- **Do not give in to FATALISM**
 - >Fatalism - the belief that we are powerless against FATE
- **Remember You are Not a VICTIM**
- **You are IN God's GOOD HANDS**

Response to God's Sovereignty... (~LaCroix)

- **WORSHIP Him He is Still GOD**

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Response to God's Sovereignty... (~LaCroix)

- **Do Not BLAME God**

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Romans 8:28 (NASU) 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.

Response to God's Sovereignty... (~LaCroix)

- **Willingly SUBMIT to God's Plan in your Life**

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NLT) Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.