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THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

"The sovereignty of God is the biblical teaching that all things are under God's rule and control, and that nothing happens without His direction or permission. God works not just some things but all things according to the counsel of His own will (Ephesians 1:11). His purposes are all-inclusive and never thwarted (see Isa 46:11); nothing takes him by surprise. The sovereignty of God is not merely that God has the power and right to govern all things, but that He does so, always and without exception. In other words, God is not merely sovereign de jure (in principle), but sovereign de facto (in practice)." (From Theopedia.com)

As God's people we need to highly esteem and remember that God is Sovereign. This fact about our God has often been my point of struggle from time to time. The most difficult time for me to accept this fact was when my late husband, Dr. Gregory R. Dantzler, Sr, left to be with Jesus on February 4, 2004. My mind was flooded with questions of 'why' as this made absolutely no sense to me at all. God's decision to terminate his life seemed cruel and irrational. I realized over time that I viewed God's sovereignty only as a principle or godly attribute and really did not perceive Him to be sovereign in practice in my life. Time has passed and next month marks the 8th year since his demise and praise God I have come to terms with God's will and can say, Amen. It didn't happen immediately but over time with much prayer and persistent seeking of God's face to assist me to spiritually mature in the area of His sovereignty. I do not have all the answers to my former "whys" but I have come to realize that if I believe in God, then I must believe in who God is. If I believe that God is just then I must believe what happened was not unfair. The most important lesson, if one intends to maintain a healthy relationship with God, is agree to practice the word that teaches, "Thy will be done." Jesus modeled this behavior in the Garden as he prayed for the cup to pass. Lord, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, and let it begin in me. This expression has become a daily prayer of mine.

"One of the marks of spiritual maturity is the quiet confidence that God is in control-- without the need to understand why He does what He does." Anonymous

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