

God is in Total Control

Slide 3. Introduction

Abraham Knew God is Sovereign

David Knew God is Sovereign

King Jehoshaphat Knew God is Sovereign

King Ahaz did not recognize God as Sovereign

Joseph

Elijah

Jesus

Slide 4. [Psa 115:3 KJV] 3 But our God [is] in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

[Psa 115:3 NLT] 3 Our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes.

Slide 4. [Psa 121:1-4 KJV] 1 [[A Song of degrees.]] I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. 2 My help [cometh] from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Slide 5. Abraham Knew God is Sovereign.

[Gen 15:2, 8 NLT] 2 But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. ... 8 But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I be sure that I will actually possess it?"

Slide 6. David Knew God is Sovereign.

[2Sa 7:18-20 NLT] 18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and prayed, "Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 19 And now, Sovereign LORD, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! Do you deal with everyone this way, O Sovereign LORD? 20 "What more can I say to you? You know what your servant is really like, Sovereign LORD.

King Jehoshaphat trusted in the Lord

Slide 7. [2Ch 20:1-2, 6 KJV] 1 It came to pass after this also, [that] the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them [other] beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria;

and, behold, they [be] in Hazazontamar, which [is] Engedi. ... **6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, [art] not thou God in heaven? and rulest [not] thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand [is there not] power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?**

After Prayer

Slide 8. [2Ch 20:12-13 KJV] 12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes [are] upon thee. 13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

God Responded

Slide 9. [2Ch 20:15-17 KJV] 15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle [is] not yours, but God's. 16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall not [need] to fight in this [battle]: set yourselves, stand ye [still], and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD [will be] with you.

King Jehoshaphat and the People Responded in Worship

Slide 10. [2Ch 20:18-19 KJV] 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with [his] face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. 19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

King Ahaz did not do what was right in God's sight as God watched over his behavior.

Slide 11. [2Ch 28:1, 19, 22 KJV] 1 Ahaz [was] twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not [that which was] right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father: ... 19 For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD. ... 22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this [is that] king Ahaz.

He did not call on God but rather went to other gods for help.

Slide 12. [2Ch 28:23 KJV] 23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them,

[therefore] will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

God is Sovereign

Slide 13-14. [Isa 7:3-9 KJV] 3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; 4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, 6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, [even] the son of Tabeal: **7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.** 8 For the head of Syria [is] Damascus, and the head of Damascus [is] Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. 9 And the head of Ephraim [is] Samaria, and the head of Samaria [is] Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

Example of Standing Firm.

Slide 15. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers. He pleaded with them but they would not listen.

[Gen 42:21 KJV] 21 And they said one to another, We [are] verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

Over the next 13 years

He was a slave in the house of Potiphar

A prisoner in prison

God Blessed him in all of it because he stood firm

Joseph Sold into slavery. His faith had to be firm.

In Potiphar's House

Slide 16. [Gen 39:3-4 KJV] 3 And his master saw that the LORD [was] with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all [that] he had he put into his hand.

In Prison

Slide 17. [Gen 39:20-22 KJV] 20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners [were] bound: and he was there in the prison. 21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that [were] in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer [of it].

The Promotion

Slide 18. [Gen 41:39-40 KJV] 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, [there is] none so discreet and wise as thou [art]: 40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

Elijah shaken by threats by the wicked queen. His faith needed to be firm. The Lord helped him get back on his feet.

Slide 19. [1Ki 19:15-16 KJV] 15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael [to be] king over Syria: 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint [to be] king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint [to be] prophet in thy room.

God was going to bring Elijah to a place the Queen or her guards would not be able to come.

Slide 20. [2Ki 2:11 KJV] 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, [there appeared] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Jesus Represented the Sovereign God

Slide 21. [Isa 61:1-2 KJV] 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Slide 22. [Luk 4:18-21 KJV] 18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave [it] again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Slide 23. [Jhn 14:9 KJV] 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?