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The Sovereign God

If we can believe that there is an All Powerful Designer that created things seen and unseen with Design Intent. And if we can believe that we need His guidance because of our own limitations, we are well on our way to both understanding and wisdom. In this section, we will discuss the **Sovereignty of God** and why that is **Important**.

For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us. Isaiah 33:22



There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you--who are you to judge your neighbor? James 4:12

I was driving down the street one day when I saw a bumper sticker that read “God is my co-pilot.” *The way that some people drive, they actually need a co-driver.* But while in prayer one day, God revealed to me that He is **No Person’s Co-Pilot**. He is either **solely without question No. 1 or He is Nothing at All**. **He needs no help, no guidance, no panels, and no cheering crowds.** Think on this fact for a minute. We must remember **Who He Is**. He is **The One** that started the Universe; He is

The One that knows how many hairs are on your head and how many fell off today; He is **The One** that knows when an insect is born in the remote wilderness; He is **The One** who **Knows All**. And the fact that He is a **Sovereign Designer** means that He has made everything according to **His Blue Prints and Design Intent**. We may scoff at this discussion of Design Intent and Blue Prints, but they are vital to our well-being and satisfaction in life.



There once were two kid soccer teams that showed up to a field to play a soccer game. The teams were dressed in their Team uniforms. They warmed up and were ready to play. Unfortunately, the referees and the coaches did not show up for the game. None of the parents knew the rules of the game. So they told the kids, “let’s just play the game without rules”. Initially the kids were excited. They could do anything they wanted to during this game. No rules. No one lined up in their positions because there were no positions. Everyone fought to gain control of the ball. Kids started pushing and kicking one another, but nothing happened because there were no rules. The ball went out of bounds, but it didn’t matter because there were no rules. Parents joined into the game and started pushing and arguing with each other and the kids. Pretty soon some of the kids started to cry and wanted to

quit playing. What seemed like something that would be fun turned into an ugly fiasco. The kids and the parents realized that **they needed the rules, the coaches, and the referees.**



The Sovereign God and Designer of our World is the **Maker of the Rules**. He has a **Design Intent** for everything (sex, food, rest, family, relationships, worship...) in the World. This **Design Intent** is what I call **Truth**. **Truth is true whether we believe it or not** because it comes from the **Designer**. Our quest is to learn this **Truth** and to operate in It. When we operate in **Truth**, our lives are much more satisfying to both us and God. **The rules are not for God; they are for us.** Just like the soccer game example mentioned above, we need rules, understanding and guidance that come from the **Supreme Designer**. And because **He is Sovereign**, it is **'His Rules and Truth Only'** that we need to seek, use, and pass on.