

**40 Days Of Prayer: God Is...**  
**God Is Sovereign**  
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*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." — Jesus, Matthew 28:18*

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!*

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:6-11 NIV*

**Divine Sovereignty Defined:**

In possession of supreme and unlimited \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Thought of the Day**

God's Sovereignty: The unlimited power to accomplish His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Verse of the Day**

*Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21 NIV*

**Grab This!**

People can plan all that they want over their lives... but God's purpose will always \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Are The Plans Of People?**

1. The plans of people are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Many are the plans in a person's heart...*

2. The plans of people originate in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Many are the plans in a person's heart...*

*Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."*

*After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)*

*He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person." Mark 7:14-23 NIV*

**Don't Miss This!**

The problem with the plans of people is those plans originate from their heart; and the hearts of people are \_\_\_\_\_.

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Jeremiah 17:9 NIV*

## Why Are God's Plans Better Than Our Plans?

1. God's purposes are \_\_\_\_\_.

*Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*

*Proverbs 19:21 NIV*

*The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth— he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.*

*No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unflinching love... Psalm 33:10-18 NIV*

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3. God's purposes are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord... Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV*

*Those who come in through me will be saved... My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:9b, 10b NIV*

## Why are God's plans better for us than our own human plans?

Because they are certain plans... they are eternal plans... and they are good plans.

### The Bottom Line

Since God has unlimited power to accomplish his certain, eternal and good sovereign will, we ought to intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives.

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13 NIV*

### **Seeking God's Purposes**

• \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

*Then you will call on me...*

• \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*...and come... to me...*

• \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*...and pray to me.*

### **The Result Of Calling, Coming and Praying Is...**

God will \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and His purposes to us!

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*Ephesians 3:16-21*

### **The Challenge**

Are you fully surrendered to God's purpose for your life?