

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

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INTRODUCTION

- ❖ Indispensable to the Christian faith is the fundamental belief that God is sovereign over all creation.
- ❖ If we are to be faithful followers of Christ, then our actions must reveal our belief that God is in control.
- ❖ James 4:13-17 gives us two instructions concerning how to acknowledge the sovereignty of God in our daily lives.

MAIN POINTS

1. We must be humble before the sovereignty of God (13-16).
 - A. If we are too focused on material gain, we will be blind to spiritual realities (13).
 - B. God is sovereign over death and life (14).
 - C. God is sovereign over our activities and achievements (15).
 - D. Boasting and arrogance is averse to God's will (16).
2. We must be obedient to the will of God (17).
 - A. Sins of commission: doing what God has said not to do.
 - B. Sins of omission: disregarding what God has said to do.

CONCLUSION

- ❖ God's Sovereignty does not negate human responsibility.
- ❖ To cling to one and not the other is a pathway to destruction.