



The Sovereignty of God

Rom. 8:28

Items Needed

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Crayons/Pencils/Markers
- ✓ Copies of coloring page
- ✓ Copies of word search
- ✓ Copies of take home overview sheet



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Objective of Lesson

Everything that happens in heaven and on earth is under the absolute control of God, and it is all used to bring about good to the people called according to the purpose of God.

Scripture Reference

Romans 8:28 - (KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.

Lesson Instructions

1. Can any of you read our verse for us? Let's read it together, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."
2. Can any of you tell me who is talking in this verse? God is. What is God saying here? He is saying that every single thing that happens, all things, are in His control and He uses them to bring good things to all the people He calls to be one of His. Today I want to talk about what things God has control over. It says "All things," but what does that mean? What does that include?
3. Let's name some things God is in control of: WIND & RAIN - In the Bible it tells us our Lord speaks and the wind obeys Him. (Mark 4:39) If God controls

the wind and the rain, does that mean every wind and rain event is for the good of His people? Yes it does. The verse says "ALL THINGS." In times past and on the news you have heard of places where it has rained so much that clouds burst open and it flooded whole towns and yet in other places it had not rained for hundreds of years. From the light breeze that cools you on a hot afternoon to the powerful hurricanes and tornadoes that destroy anything under it - all of it happens by the sovereign power of God and ALL of it brings only good things to His people. God speaks and the wind and rain are at His sovereign command - "all things work together" for the good of God's people.

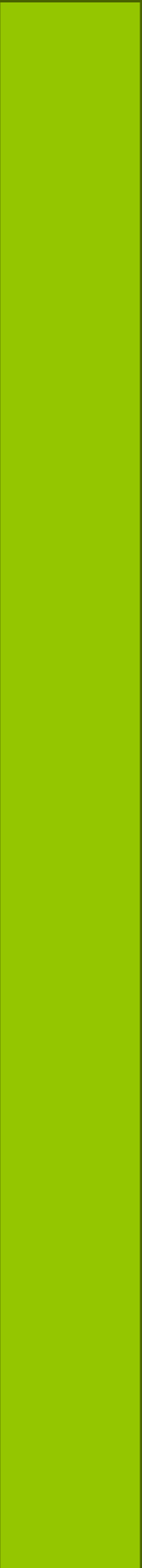
4. **LIGHT, FIRE & LAND:** What about earthquakes? We just heard about that on the news, didn't we? Every few years some island or some great city is destroyed by the earth shaking and breaking up. The Bible is full of examples of how God controls these things: He has made earth rise out of water to create dry land; He has sent earthquakes to sink other land into the sea; He has rained fire from heaven to burn things up, and He has taught men to use fire to keep themselves warm; He has caused darkness to pass over parts of the earth for days on end, so long that people could not work or live, and in other places He has made the sun shine so brightly that it would blind those who tried to look directly at it. In either case God never brings bad things to His people. God speaks and the sun, fire, and land are at His sovereign command - "all things work together" for the good of God's people.
5. **ALL ANIMALS & INSECTS:** What about God's creatures? Does God control the birds, fish, land animals, and insects? The Bible gives many examples of this. He caused two of each type of animal He created to come to Moses to get into the ark. Did Noah have to go out and find them? No, the Bible says God caused them to "come unto" Noah. (Gen 6: 19-20) The lions, elephants, polar bears, panthers, wolves, tigers, eagles, and even the crocodile - quietly submitted to the will of their Creator and came two by two into the ark. He has made swarms of flies to invade one house but the house next door had

none. (Ex. 8:22) He has made bees to fly from flower to flower to pollinate His garden. He has caused locust to fly for hundreds of miles and not eat a thing and then at the appointed time, land, and eat everything around them. He determined when they would come, where they would fly, and determined how much they would eat. God has caused birds to pick up food and not eat it for themselves but to carry it and drop it at the feet of one of His in need. He even prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah and carry him to the place where God would have him to be and spit him out on the beach. God speaks and all the animals and insects are at His sovereign command - "all things work together" for the good of God's people.

6. PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS - MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN: Every action, even those of the most lawless of people, is entirely beneath God's control. The most evil-willed person, though unknown to himself, is carrying out the secret decrees of the Most High God. There are no limitations to God's power and authority. No man is able to overcome God and overturn His will. God caused a King to release His people from slavery even though the King had decided in his heart he was not going to do it. Even though the people of Babel decided to build a high tower God, He caused the building of it to be stopped. God appointed a man named Judas to betray our Lord Jesus to bring about His death. Judas meant it for evil but God overruled it and used it to the blessing of His people. Is the Lord upset or disturbed by the evil doings of men? No, the Bible says He looks upon their puny efforts and laughs at their "folly." He knows He can crush them like moths when He pleases, or consume them in a moment with the breath of His mouth. God speaks and all the earth and its inhabitants are at His sovereign command - "all things work together" for the good of God's people.
7. There are many examples of this in the Bible. How can this be? Does the Bible say this? Yes it does. ("For in Him we live, and move, and have our being..." (Act 17:28) "A man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his steps." (Prov. 16:9) "There are many devices in a man's heart;

nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." (Prov. 19:21) "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will." (Prov. 21:1))

8. ANGELS & EVIL SPIRITS: All through the Bible our Lord God uses Angels and Evil spirits to do His bidding. In one place God sent an angel to destroy a city and then commanded that same angel to stop the destruction of it. (I Chron. 21: 15, 27) The Lord has sent angels to destroy whole cities of people and in other places He sent them to save just a few people from destruction. (Story of Lot) The Lord has used evil spirits to cause division and controversy among groups of people so that He might use it to carry out good for His people. (Judges 9:23) Satan himself is under subjection to God. He was not allowed to touch Job until God told him he could and the Lord used the casting out of devils to show His power. God speaks and all angels and spirits are at His sovereign command - "all things work together" for the good of God's people.
9. HE GIVES ALL THESE THINGS HIS THOSE THAT LOVE HIM AND THOSE HE CALLS TO HIMSELF: Now that we have discussed what ALL THINGS means in this verse there is one more thing to notice here. Does the verse say WHO gets all these blessings of God? It does. It says all these good things go to the people that love Him and the people He calls to be His. Not only does God decide HOW He gives these good things, but He also decides in WHO! That means God decides the whole thing from beginning to end and there is nothing left to chance. What a blessing and a comfort that is!
10. Is there anything we did not cover that God does not control? Can you think of anything? That is AMAZING!!!! You mean the Bible tells us and gives us all these examples of the types of things God has control over and it includes ALL those things? Yes! God has control over all these things and that means He is sovereign. Can you say that word? That means nothing can stop Him from doing His will and saving His people from their sins? That is why all



these things happen. That is exactly what the Bible teaches! It is good news to sinful weak men, who have no control over things, to know that God, who can only do good, is working "ALL THINGS together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose". (Rom. 8:28).

Lesson Activities

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- Word Search



Take Home Lesson Overview

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