



**The Book of James**  
**Lesson 3: The Sovereignty of God: What Does it Mean?**  
**James 1:1-4**

**1. Definitions**

Definition of SOVEREIGN (adjective): \_\_\_\_\_

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Definition of SOVEREIGNTY (noun): Supremacy in rule or power, power to govern without external control

**2. Sovereign**

The word “sovereign” is used in the NIV translation of the Bible.

The word “sovereign” does not appear in other translations, nor does it appear in the original Greek text.

**3. When someone says, “God is sovereign”, they tend to mean the following:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- God heals those whom He wants to heal and chooses not to heal others.
- If something happens it must be God’s will.
- \_\_\_\_\_

**4. You cannot separate God from His Word.**

**John 1:1**

**Psalm 138:2 – Amplified Bible**

*. . . for you have exalted above all else Your name and Your word and You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*

**Jeremiah 1:12**

Definition of READY: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremiah 1:12 could be read this way – “I watch over My Word to see it fulfilled.”

Question: Can God do whatever He wants to do?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. God’s will does not always happen.**

Question: Is God in control?

Answer: Yes. But God’s will does not always come to pass.

**2 Peter 3:9**

Statement: If God wants him saved then he will get saved.

Answer: No. Why evangelize with this belief?

**Ephesians 1:4, 5**

If you read only this passage of scripture, you might think that everything results from God’s will.

**6. Scripture interprets scripture****Revelation 22:17****Matthew 23:37****John 3:16****7. Satan is operating in this world.****1 Thessalonians 2:17, 18**

**8. The mountain will not move all by itself.**

Statement: Whatever will be, will be.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 11:22-24**

Statement: It will all happen in God's timing.

Answer: This is saying that God will move the mountain when He wants to move it. However, this is not scriptural.

**Luke 8:43-48**