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# Sovereignty of God

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# THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

#### The Lie That Sounds Holy

There is a doctrine circulating widely among Christians today—one that many hold to without question—that I believe is the worst doctrine in the body of Christ. In fact, I would go so far as to say it has its origins in the pits of hell. The doctrine I'm talking about is the sovereignty of God as it is commonly taught.

To be clear, I believe God is sovereign in the sense that He is almighty, the supreme ruler of all, and first in rank above everything else. But there is a *version* of God's sovereignty that the church has adopted that completely misrepresents who He is—and that version is what I have a serious problem with.

What I'm referring to is the idea that God controls absolutely everything that happens in your life. There's a belief that if something happens—good or bad—then it must have been God's will. Some people even believe that Satan himself is controlled by God, like a dog on a leash, only able to do what God allows. This view goes so far as to claim that every tragedy, hardship, and sickness is somehow God's will.

I am in 1,000% disagreement with that—because the Bible disagrees with it. That is simply **not** what the Word of God teaches.

#### Why Would We Be Told to Resist?

One of the most damaging aspects of believing that God just controls everything is that it takes away your incentive to seek the Lord. There's no point in resisting the devil if you believe that God has a purpose for turning him loose on you. I know I might be stepping on some toes, but you need to examine what you believe in light of what the Bible actually teaches. The enemy wants to keep you in a place of passivity. He wants you to believe that whatever happens is somehow God's will, even if it's destructive to your health or happiness.

One key scripture that challenges this way of thinking is James 4:7: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Right here, James tells us that there are things we are meant to submit to—things that are from God. And then there are things we are to resist—things that are from the devil. Now, if God is truly the one who controls everything, then why would James tell us to resist the devil? Shouldn't we just accept whatever happens because it's all God's will? Of course not! We are clearly instructed to resist the devil, and it's not a passive resistance. The word *resist* here is strong and calls for action.

#### Are You Fighting the Wrong Battle?

If God is the one orchestrating everything, then to resist anything—whether it's sickness, depression, or financial struggle—would mean resisting God Himself.

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Over in James 4:1–3, it says, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

If we apply the "sovereign God" doctrine here, then we would have to say that God is the one causing wars and fights. But James makes it clear that they come from our own desires and lusts—not from God.

#### **Questions No One Seems to Be Asking**

Believing that God is in control of everything raises some difficult and confusing questions. For example, if it's God's will for you to be sick, then why resist sickness? Why go to the doctor or take medicine? It's hypocritical to say, "God gave me this sickness," and then try to get out of God's will. Of course, I don't believe that, and you shouldn't either. But that is what the sovereignty of God teaching implies. The truth is, God is not the author of sickness. He gave you the power and authority to fight back against the works of the devil.

Jesus gave His disciples the power to heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead. If God were controlling everything, then there would be no need for that power. Why would Jesus tell us to cast out demons if God is the one sending them? Why would He tell us to heal the sick if sickness were God's will for them? The fact that He gave us authority over sickness proves that He didn't intend for it to control us.

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matthew 10:1

#### What Jesus Proved Beyond a Doubt

Have you been waiting for God to act while you remain idle, thinking that whatever happens is His will? The truth is, Jesus never intended for you to just passively accept everything that happens to you. In fact, He came to destroy the works of the devil, and that includes sickness, depression, poverty and other destructive things.

Let me ask you—has there ever been a time when you felt God leading you to do something, but you chose a

different direction? If you're being honest, the answer is yes. And that means God didn't force you. You have a free will, and you exercised it. If God doesn't control you like a chess piece, why would you think He's controlling everything else? It just doesn't make sense. It's a lie to say that somehow or another He just allows things for His glory. That is not what the Word of God teaches.

I was nearly destroyed through this sovereignty of God teaching, and I've seen people die because of it. It destroys people's faith and renders them passive.

I want to help you understand biblical truth, so I encourage you to get my NEW free booklet, *The Sovereignty of God*, which goes into much more detail and covers a lot of scripture. This is the first time we've offered this booklet, and I know it will bless you. My full teaching is also available on CD, DVD, and USB. Visit awmc.ca/sovereignty, scan the QR code, call our Helpline at (647) 348-2220, or or simply return the enclosed form. God loves you and has given you authority—you just need to take it and use it.

We love you,

and Jamie





# THE SUPERNATURAL COMES THROUGH THE WORD

Shifting Your Focus from Sickness to Healing

One word from God can change everything. I've experienced it in my own life, and I've seen it happen for countless others. Healing is not something we have to strive for; it's already been paid for by Jesus at the cross. The key is exalting God's Word above everything else.

Proverbs 4:20-22 tells us.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

The Word of God is life and health! But too often, we fill our minds with more information about the sickness than the cure. We need to shift our focus from the problem to the promise of God.

When I battled double pneumonia and sepsis, I told my wife, "Don't even look up what sepsis is." Why? Because I chose to exalt what God's Word said about my healing above the doctor's diagnosis.

We experienced this again when our son, Michael, was sick with a severe muscular/arthritic condition. A year after I was healed of cancer through a word of knowledge and prayer, we took Michael to the same men of God who had prayed for me. But nothing happened. That's when the Lord spoke to my heart: "I want you to immerse yourselves in My Word." So, my wife and I wrote out seventy scriptures on healing, the authority of the believer, and the integrity of God's Word. We spoke them over Michael daily, played recordings of scripture in his room, and refused to entertain doubt.

It wasn't instant, but we saw progress. After two months, one passage leapt off the page into our hearts:

> For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

> > Psalm 119:89-90

That was the turning point. My wife had a vision of Michael running around and calling, "Mama!" something he had never been able to do. A month later, he crawled. Three months later, he walked. Nine months later, he was completely healed.

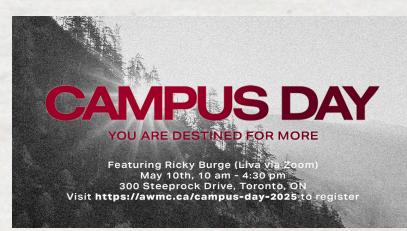
The Word works. It only takes one verse—one revelation—to activate healing in your life. But you have to incline your ear, keep the Word before your eyes, and settle it in your heart. Don't exempt yourself from God's healing power. What He did for me, He'll do for you!

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do through a heart that's willing to strengthen its foundation in Christ and embrace the incredible purpose He has placed on your life.



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## THE POWER OF SUBMISSION



Submission isn't always a popular topic, but it holds the key to abundant life, breakthrough, and power. So, what does submission truly mean, and how can we walk in the power it unlocks?

Mike and Carrie Pickett know firsthand the power of submission. At last year's Summer Family Bible Conference, they shared key principles from their own experience of choosing to trust God in full surrender to His plan:

> Often, we approach God with our own plans and ask Him to bless them. But God offers something better: a blank page with a signature line at the bottom, inviting us to sign first and then let Him fill in the details. Surrendering our agendas, desires, and timelines to Him is the absolute key to living fully in His purpose.

When life feels overwhelming, ask yourself, What am I submitting to? Every day you have the power to choose. Will you submit to God's Word or to what your five senses are telling you?

Situations will speak to you, and the enemy will try to convince you that your struggles are your reality. He wants you to give in and let your feelings, circumstances, and worries take control. But here's the truth: "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). In difficult situations, you can still submit to something far greater-God's Word and His Spirit.

During their message, Mike and Carrie highlighted the importance of dwelling in God's presence, drawing from this powerful verse:

> He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

> > Psalm 91:1, emphasis added

While most people in the world try to step out from under someone else's shadow, true submission to God means choosing to remain in His. His shadow is our place of rest, safety, and refuge, where we can refuse to let anything take us captive or draw us away from Him.

How about you? Has God been prompting you to surrender every area of your life but you've been hesitant? Be encouraged—He is your strong tower, and everything you need is found in Him.



If you've been inspired by the wisdom Mike and Carrie shared, you won't want to miss the Summer Family Bible Conference, June 30-July 4. Visit SummerFamily.org to learn more and register today!



Mike and Carrie Pickett, executive vice presidents of Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College, spent sixteen years in Russia, expanding the ministry across fourteen nations. Now based in Colorado, they are dedicated to raising up leaders and empowering believers to fulfill the Great Commission. Together, they have been blessed with two children.



## **VICTORY OVER ALLERGIES:**

#### **LUITGARD'S JOURNEY TO FREEDOM**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

For many, the arrival of spring is a time of joy. But for Luitgard in Germany, it was a season of suffering. Each April brought relentless allergies—burning eyes, inflamed sinuses, and constant sneezing that made daily life unbearable. Year after year, she dreaded the change in seasons, believing she had no choice but to endure.

Then she discovered Andrew Wommack's free teachings on YouTube. As she listened, a life-changing truth took hold in her heart: that Christ's sacrifice paid for all sickness—from headaches to cancer and even allergies.

Wanting to know more, Luitgard reached out to the Charis Bible College location in Frankfurt, Germany. A staff member prayed for her over the phone, standing against the allergies and agreeing with God's Word that she was already healed through Jesus (1 Pet. 2:24).

"I was always waiting for symptoms—burning eyes and a flu-like feeling in my nose," Luitgard recalled. "She prayed for me a few weeks before April, and when the month came, I realized—I was okay! I could not believe it!"

At first, Luitgard struggled to grasp what had happened. For years, she had anticipated suffering. But as April came and went, she remained symptom-free. The following year, she felt that familiar dread rising again, but then she remembered the truth: "No! I am healed!"

Since that prayer, Luitgard has lived allergy-free for over two years. She now enjoys the outdoors, celebrating God's goodness in every season. "No sickness is good," she declares. "We are in the heritage of Jesus, and He took us out of sickness. All sickness has to leave us!"



Luitgard's story is a powerful testimony of how God's healing power applies to every illness and disease—big or small. Jesus said in Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Just as Luitgard stood in faith, you, too, can trust that healing is yours!

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Quotes edited for length and clarity.



### **GOD'S FAITHFULNESS ON DISPLAY**

#### Hit, Broken, and Run Over-Yet He Walks Again!

"A few months ago, as I stood by my car helping my daughter, another vehicle suddenly rammed into my legs, pinning them against my car, and dragged me for about six meters. I heard my bones being broken and was thrown to the asphalt road. Lying there in pain, I screamed, 'In the name of Jesus, I will walk and not be crippled!' The driver had run over the lower part of my body as well. But thanks be to God, today I can walk normally! I learned to use the name of Jesus through Andrew's book on prayer. God be praised!"

Fric D.

#### Faith in God's Word Brings Immediate Healing

"Several years ago, my sister invited me to join her at a Healing Is Here conference. Andrew was the speaker on the first night, and he spoke on Isaiah 53. As he shared, I thought to myself, 'I believe that!' I immediately sensed healing from acid reflux and a hiatal hernia. No one was praying for me or laying hands on me. I was healed by God simply through sitting under Andrew's anointed teaching. The next morning, I stopped taking my medications and haven't taken them since! Praise be to God and our Lord Jesus!"

> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in

you will perform it until the day of Jesus

Christ.

Testimonies edited for length and clarity.

Deborah R.

Philippians 1:6

#### From Darkness to Destiny

"During a dark season, I began watching Daystar TV. One day I tuned into Andrew's Gospel Truth show, and his bold, clear teaching on finding and fulfilling God's will immediately captured my attention. A few weeks later, God spoke to me, asking, 'Elijah, did you get locked in your seat?' I heard a male voice clearly say this and saw the name Elijah appear before me in bold black letters—but spelled with an 'A' (Alijah) instead of an 'E.' My name also starts with an A, but it's not Alijah. I didn't know how to respond until I watched Andrew's teaching Welcome to Your Place Called There. I'm forever thankful to God for His love and mercy and to Andrew Wommack Ministries and GTN for an unending supply of Gospel Truth resources!"

- A. St. Amant

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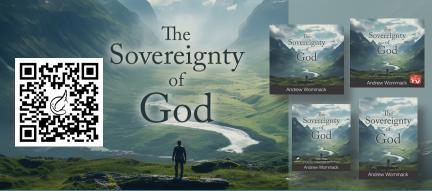


#### **Empowered by Andrew's Living Commentary**

"I just want to express how much I love Andrew Wommack's Living Commentary. Praise the Lord! It's so wonderful not to be limited to non-charismatic commentaries. THANK YOU! It has helped me SO much. Also, it's wonderful to see the growth of the Charis Bible College student housing! Praise the Lord!"

Kathy B.





Have you been led to believe that everything in life—good and bad—is God's will? If so, it's time to examine that idea in the light of God's Word. In *The Sovereignty of God*, Andrew pulls back the veil on this dangerous doctrine and exposes its harmful effects on the church. Get your free booklet today and discover what Scripture really says about God's sovereignty.

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MECHANICSBURG, PA Guest Speaker: Andrew Wommack

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**MAY 8-9** 

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WOODLAND PARK, CO

Speakers: Andrew Wommack, Jentezen Franklin, and Billy Epperhart

**MAY 10** 

**CAMPUS DAY** 

TORONTO, ON

Guest Speaker: Ricky Burge (Live via Zoom)

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