

LETTING GOD BE GOD
Getting to Know God - Part 6 of 8

Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything.

1 Chronicles 29:11 (LB)

GOD'S "SOVEREIGNTY":

- * Over Nature (Psa. 148:8, Isa. 45:12)
- * Over History (Isa. 14:26-27, Isa. 46:10-11)
- * Over Our Lives: Examples...
 - When you were born & where (Acts 17:26)
 - How long you will live (Job 14:5)
 - What natural talents you have (Ex. 31:1-3)

BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL...

1. MY PLANS _____

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Prov. 19:21

We may make our plans, but God has the last word. Prov. 16:1 (GN)

➤ **WRONG ATTITUDE:** _____

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Prov. 27:1

Now listen, you who say "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money." Why, you don't even know what will happen tomorrow! ...Instead, you ought to say, "IF it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." James 4:13-15

➤ **RIGHT ATTITUDE:** _____

We should make plans -- counting on God to direct us. Prov. 16:9 (LB)

2. MY PROBLEMS _____

At present, you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident -- it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold. 1 Peter 1:6-7

➤ **JOB'S RESPONSE:** _____

The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were His to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21 (LB)

➤ **JOSEPH'S RESPONSE:** _____

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Gen. 50:20

➤ **MY RESPONSE:** _____

This is the reason we never lose heart... These troubles (which are temporary) are winning for us a permanent, glorious, and solid reward out of proportion to our pain. 2 Cor. 4:16-17 (Ph)

3. MY PRAYERS _____

(God)... is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of -- infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. Eph. 3:20 (LB)

➤ _____ **my sins** _____

I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. Psa. 32:5 (LB)

➤ _____ **my heart** _____

Those who know my commands and obey them are the ones who love me, and my Father will love those who love me. I will love them and will show myself to them. John 14:21 (NCV)

➤ _____ **my mind** _____

I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will trust in your good name in the presence of your faithful people. Psa. 52:9 (NLT)