

Jeremiah 18:3-4 (NIV)

³ So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, **shaping it as seemed best to him.**

Jeremiah 18:5–6 (NIV)

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

⁶ “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.”

God is Sovereign ~
He is in CONTROL

Isaiah 55:8-11

SOVEREIGNTY - JP

God has the **Power** and the **RIGHT** to Govern
ALL things.

God governs **ALL things** for His own
Wise and **Holy Purpose**

SOVEREIGNTY- Westminster Conf.

God **Ordains** whatever comes to pass

SOVEREIGNTY - B McRae

God is **totally and completely supreme**,
ABSOLUTE Creator and Ruler,
the **ONE and ONLY God**

1- God has Absolute CONTROL over the Nations

Daniel 4:35 (NIV) **All the peoples** of the earth are regarded as nothing. **HE does as He pleases** with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. **No one can hold back His hand** or say to him: **“What have you done?”**

God is in **COMPLETE** Control

- He does what He **WANTS** to with Heavenly Powers
- He does as He **CHOOSES** on Earth
- No one can **STOP** Him
- No one Can **QUESTION** Him

2- God's Purpose and Plan WILL be Accomplished

Isaiah 55:8–11 (NIV) For **MY thoughts** are **not your thoughts**, NEITHER are **your ways MY ways**, declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the **heavens are higher** than the earth, so are **MY ways** higher than **your ways** and **MY thoughts** than **your thoughts**.”

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ **so is MY WORD that goes out from MY mouth:** It WILL not return to ME empty, but WILL **accomplish what I DESIRE** and **achieve the PURPOSE** for which I sent it.

When God Speaks His

- **PLAN** IS Accomplished
- **PURPOSE** IS Fulfilled

3- God is SOVEREIGN over Our LIVES

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⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

⁶ O house of Israel, **can I not do with you as this potter does?** declares the LORD.

Like clay in the hand of the potter, **SO ARE YOU** in MY hand, O house of Israel.

Isaiah 64:8 (NLT)

And yet, O LORD, **you are our Father.**

We are the CLAY, and **You are the POTTER.**

We all are formed **by your hand.**

The Master Potter...

- Owns the **CLAY**
- Shapes the clay the way He **CHOOSES**
- does **NOT CONSULT** the Clay

Acts 2:22 (NIV)

Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through HIM, as you yourselves know.

Acts 2:23 (NIV)

This man was handed over to you
BY God's set purpose and foreknowledge;
and YOU, **with the help of wicked men,**
put HIM to death by nailing him to the cross.

Sovereignty and Responsibility

- God's Plan was for Jesus to **DIE**
- Jewish Leaders **DEMANDED** the death of Jesus
- Roman soldiers **NAILED** Him to a Cross

Genesis 50:20–21 (NIV)

You intended to harm me,

BUT God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children. And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Jeremiah 29:10–13 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, **I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise** to bring you back to this place.

¹¹ For **I KNOW the plans I have for you,**” declares the LORD, **plans to prosper** you and **NOT** to harm you, plans to give you **HOPE** and a **FUTURE**.

¹² Then you will **call upon ME** and come and **pray to ME**, and I will listen to you. ¹³ **You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

If we Believe God is Sovereign each day...

- we will **SUBMIT** to His **Will**
- we will **REAFFIRM** the truth that He is **GOOD**
- we **COMMIT** ourselves to **Obeying** Him

Because God is SOVEREIGN...

...NOTHING happens to us by **Chance or Luck**

Because God is in CONTROL of ALL things...

...we can **Fully TRUST** Him with **ALL** the Details
of our Lives