

Quotes

Sovereignty: God exhaustively plans and meticulously carries out his perfect will as he alone knows is best, regarding all that is in heaven and on earth, and he does so without failure or defeat, accomplishing his purposes in all of the creation from the smallest details to the grand purposes of his plan for the whole created order. - Bruce Ware

God has no needs that I could ever be required to satisfy. God has no deficiencies that I might be required to supply. He is complete in himself. He is overflowing with happiness in the fellowship of the Trinity. The upshot of this is that God is a mountain spring, not a watering trough. A mountain spring is self-replenishing. It constantly overflows and supplies. A watering trough needs to be filled with a pump or bucket brigade. ... And since that is the way God is, we're not surprised to learn from Scripture—and our faith is strengthened to hold fast—that the way to please God is to come to him to get and not to give, to drink and not to water. - John Piper

When God hungers for some special satisfaction, he seeks out a prayer to answer. Our prayer is the sweet aroma from the kitchen ascending into the King's chambers making him hungry for the meal. But the actual enjoyment of the meal is his own glorious work in answering our prayer. The food of God is to answer our prayers. The most wonderful thing about the Bible is that it reveals a God who satisfies his appetite for joy by answering prayers. He has no deficiency in himself that he needs to fill up, so he gets satisfaction by magnifying the glory of his riches by filling up the deficiencies of people who pray - John Piper

Matthew 6:7-13 And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

Isaiah 46:9-10 “...remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’...”

RESOURCES:

Books

1. Prayer and the Knowledge of God: What the whole Bible teaches by Graeme Goldsworthy
2. A Praying Life: Connecting With God in a Distracting World by Paul Miller
3. The Hidden Life of Prayer: The Lifeblood of the Christian by David McIntyre
4. Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God by JI Packer
5. Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility: Biblical Perspective in Tension by DA Carson
6. Suffering and the Sovereignty of God by John Piper
7. Gods Greater Glory: The Exalted God of Scripture and the Christian Faith by Bruce A. Ware
8. Father Son and Holy Spirit: Relationships, Roles, and Relevance by Bruce A. Ware
9. A Place of Healing: Wrestling with the Mysteries of Suffering, Pain, and God's Sovereignty by Joni Eareckson Tada

Sermons

Does God Control Everything - Tim Keller

http://sermons2.redeemer.com/sites/sermons2.redeemer.com/files/sermons/RPC-Does_God_Control_Everything.mp3

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