wonder if the concept of Sovereignty is hard to comprehend because we have never had a king rule over us. For most of us, the closest we come to a monarch is our boss, but we have the freedom to find another job. I'm not advocating that type of government since it is said "absolute power corrupts absolutely." God is the only King that rules perfectly. But with an independent streak running so predominantly through our society, you must wonder if it's making an impact on our relationship with our Savior. We owe Him everything because we have been bought with a price - the death of God's own Son (cf. I Cor. 6:20).

The Blessing

Do not be afraid

Abram's Fear

When the sun had set...

Promises of God

Resurrection life John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:21–23

The Holy Spirit Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:13

Abundant grace John 10:10; Rom. 5:15, 20; Eph. 1:7

Joy Ps. 132:16; Gal. 5:22

Strength Ps. 18:32; Isa. 40:31

Guidance John 16:13

Help Isa. 41:10, 13-14

Instruction Ps. 32:8; John 14:26

Wisdom Prov. 2:6–8; Eph. 1:17–18; James 1:5; 3:17

Heaven John 14:1–3; 2 Peter 3:13

Eternal rewards 1 Tim. 4:8; James 1:12

Personal Application and Interaction

- 1. Describe a "mountain top experience" that you have had. How did you survive the "reentry" into real life?
- 2. What is your normal reaction when things don't go your way?
- 3. Read Isaiah 46:9–11, Psalm 115:3, Daniel 4:35, and Romans 9:20. Why do you think God's sovereignty is a stumbling block for so many?

- 4. Read the opening paragraph on the inside of these notes. How does your "independent streak" interfere with God's sovereignty in your life?
- 5. We may find it hard to reconcile God's promises and what He providentially allows to happen when events in our lives seem to violate His promise. What steps should we take to keep from blaming or getting angry our Sovereign God?



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