

## HOW TO NOT LET CONTROL TAKE CONTROL

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### THIS IS US...



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### GOD IS...

SOVEREIGN and IN CONTROL

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**In what ways do you see God's sovereignty displayed in the Old Testament?**

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## DANIEL 2:20-23

Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;

he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness,  
and the light dwells with him.

To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise,

for you have given me wisdom and might,

and have now made known to me what we asked of you,

for you have made known to us the king's matter."

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**PROVERBS 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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**PSALM 139:1-6**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.  
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

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**ISAIAH 55:8-9**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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**ROMANS 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
 How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"  
 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"  
 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory  
 forever. Amen.

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**MATTHEW 6:31-34**

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or  
 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles  
 seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows  
 that you need all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his  
 righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.  
 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow  
 will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own  
 trouble."

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**NOW WE'VE SEEN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND  
 CONTROL REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE, BUT...**

How do we go on believing it in our everyday lives?

Are we allowing God to be our Lord and Savior in **every**  
 area of our life?

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TABLE DISCUSSION TIME

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"Wait on the Lord" is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are, and it is not his way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time. When in doubt, do nothing, but continue to wait on God. When action is needed, light will come.

**-J.I. Packer, *Knowing God***

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