

Sovereignty of God

God is sovereign. He rules wherever He is given ground.

That's why we have to choose to **give** Him lordship in our lives—He doesn't just take it.

The same is true in the earth. It is His, He created it but He has **given the earth to the 'children of men'** (*Psalm 115:16*) and seldom intervenes—unless invited to do so by His people speaking forth His Word. That's called prayer.

It's true that God's Kingdom is **not OF this world** (*John 18:36*), but it **IS** His desire to bring His Kingdom **TO this world** (*Matt. 6:10, 3:17*). We are **not** exhorted to stand by—waiting to escape, we are told to engage the enemy and DO something about the works of the devil (*Mark 16:15-18*).

If we are complacent, people come to the logical conclusion that God commits, condones or ignores evil!

Saying 'it **must've** been God's will' is nonsense. **Evil is NEVER God's will**. That's **why** Jesus gives His Holy Spirit empowerment **to those who ask for it** (*Luke 11:13, John 21:21*).

Note about 'Word of Faith' Ministers:

If a peacock flew into a flock of chickens, they would probably run from or attack it. That's what happens when some folks—who think everyone should look, act and talk just like them—encounter a 'different bird.'

I've been partners with or supported over a 100 ministries in the past 40-50 years. Ministers of healing are often given incredible gifts from grateful people but I know that most are **equally extravagant to others** and are neither moved by poverty **nor** riches. They've had both—and use their riches for advancing the Kingdom of God **foremost**.

It's true that God will 'get resources **to** you if He can get it **through** you.' We would not have Christian satellites in the sky if it were not for charismatic (*peacock*) preachers! They think BIG and they are often misrepresented—unfortunately by fellow believers!

Remember that Abraham, Job, David and Solomon were 'over-the-top' rich and yet, were **God's anointed**—even when they 'screwed up.' It's a serious thing to touch God's anointed (*Psalm 105:15*). **Never side with the Accuser!** If you don't like them, pray for them. Please don't judge them based on out-of-context AI clips posted online. Listen to their **entire** message and ask for discernment to hear their heart! Otherwise, you may find yourself opposing the Spirit of God and what He is doing on the earth. (*Acts 5:39*).

"If God inhabits your praise, guess who inhabits your criticism?"

Two of the **richest** men
that **ever** lived
(*lived rich/ died rich*)



Job

Who brings poverty and pain?
— and, for what purpose?

What were God's instructions
in order to stop it?

&

Solomon

Without poverty **or** pain,
can there still be despair?
— and, why?

BOOK OF JOB

In the first chapter we discover **where poverty and disease come from**—our adversary (satan). Although 3 friends of Job ascribe poverty and disease to God, they were wrong! (*Job 42:7*). Even Job's relatives didn't understand. (*Job 42:11*).

After lengthy discourses, God finally shows up in chapter 38 and asks Job 84 questions (*'pedah' in Hebrew is the number 84 and means 'redemption'*). Those 84 questions flow into an explanation of **12 distinct animals** created by God and their purposes (*6 of these animals are identified clearly as 6 of the tribes of Israel* in the last words of Jacob in Gen.49 and the last words of Moses in Deut. 33*).

In other words, the anti-dote to poverty and sickness BEGIN by understanding

- 1) **the greatness of our Creator** and 2) **His plan of redemption using His people operating in their appointed anointings.**

Instead of consoling Job in his sufferings or telling him it's for his own good, God immediately REBUKES Job and tells him to **'gird up now thy loins like a man, for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.'** (*Job 38:2*)

God's admonition to Job:

"Deck thySELF now with majesty and excellency & array thySELF with glory and beauty. Cast abroad the rage of THY wrath & behold every one that is **proud** & abase him. LOOK on every one that is proud and BRING HIM LOW and TREAD DOWN THE WICKED in their place. HIDE THEM in the dust together; and **BIND their faces** in secret. THEN will I also confess unto thee that **THINE OWN RIGHT HAND can save thee.**" *Job 40:10-14*
(*I'll bet you've never heard a sermon on that verse!*)

After telling Job to **BIND the PROUD**, God exposes 2 ruler spirits in Job 40:15-41:34. These 2 members of the unholy trinity had dragon/dinosaur bodies (*AnswersinGenesis.org for dragon info*) and were called **Behemoth** and **Leviathan** (*whom God called "king over all the children of pride" in Job 41:34b*).

In scripture, God may allow satan to afflict with **poverty & sickness** temporarily. **BUT, He hates both!** In fact, **Jesus demonstrated God's contempt** for affliction. However, until we do what he instructed Job, they will continue on earth!

Lastly, Job exercises the **redeeming power of the prayer of FORGIVENESS**. When he did so his wealth & blessings were doubled! (*Job 42:10*)

**to understand the 12 spiritual tribes of Israel (believer's callings) see http://2-acres.com/Ginger/12_Tribes_of_Israel.pdf*

BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

Job lived nearly 1000 years before the Golden Age of King Solomon, and between these 2 books in our Bible are the Songs/Psalms of David. In the Psalms, we discover that our enemy does not want God's anointed ones to inherit and fulfill their destiny (*'which is to be 'a royal priesthood'—1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 5:10*). Psalms has served as a guidepost for 3 millennia for those in the struggle against oppression.

But then comes Ecclesiastes (*from the Greek for 'assembly' or 'jury'*). In Hebrew, it's called Qoheleth (*'Preacher'*). We don't think of Solomon as a preacher, but **his life preaches**. He came into covenant with idolatrous women and lost fellowship with God—although still enjoying his wealth— but that didn't satisfy him **without God**.

"...when Solomon was old, his WIVES turned away his heart after other gods (*the unholy trinity—called here Molech, Chemosh & Ashtoreth*)... Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord..."
(*1 Kings 11:4b, 6a*) Solomon called the 2 spirits that plagued him **'vanity'**(*pride*) (*Eccl. 1:2*) and **'vexation'** (*oppression*) (*Eccl. 1:14*).

This reveals the second major strategy of the enemy to steal from God's elect—to get them **to come into covenant with the ungodly.**

That will bring them into bondage and powerlessness. It was the same strategy Balaam counseled the enemies of Israel (*Rev. 2:14, Num. 25:1*) and is still a tool of our enemy.

Solomon's life tells us that wealth isn't the goal of life and all that really matters is a relationship with God. What satisfies is fearing God and keeping His commandments—which are **not** grievous. (*Eccl. 12:13, 1 John 5:3*). Both men ended their lives with enormous wealth, yet **only one finished satisfied** with his life.

Lessons from **Job & Solomon:**

Two ways satan tries **to destroy a believer's FAITH in God:**
(*by losing health & wealth*) **Sickness & Poverty**
(*by gaining 'bad company'*) **Unholy Relationships/Alliances**
And, **the last one worked—on the wisest man that ever lived!**
Both distractions are to be resisted, **not** embraced—as if from God.

Note: study the instructions given to Job and use **your 'right hand'** (*which is the international sign for STOP*) and take your priestly authority when you are afflicted. And RUN (*like Joseph*) when you are tempted to compromise God's laws.