

## The Sovereignty of God Acts 1 (p.1002)

God is all powerful and has the ability to do whatever He wills. This *sovereignty* is only exercised in harmony with His goodness and righteousness... it extends to the entirety of creation for all time. In His *sovereignty*, God has determined everything that has happened and will happen, and yet has done so in such a way that man has true volition. This is a great mystery. -Max Anders, Understanding the Bible

Psalm 33:11 - The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation.

Isaiah 46:10 - I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: My plan will take place, and I will do all My will.

Ephesians 1:11 - We have also received an inheritance in Him, predestined according to the purpose of the One who works out everything in agreement with the decision of His will...

### A. God's Sovereignty over Evil 1:15-20

God knew exactly when, where and how Judas would act in advancement of the great redemptive act for all humanity. Yet, Judas made those choices and was responsible.

God's sovereignty transcends all human effort.

### B. God's Sovereignty revealed through Scripture 1:20

1. Psalm 69:25  
Ephesians 1:4-5

2. Psalm 109:8  
God was foreshadowing the need for another disciple to fill the vacancy.  
Proverbs 21:1

3. Zechariah 11:12-13  
Thirty pieces of silver (price of a slave) was blood money.

### C. God's Sovereign Choice 1:21-26

God has given us minds and more.

1. The Holy Spirit who guides and teaches us.
2. The Word of God, the complete Bible.
3. Counsel from godly friends and leaders.

***My effort gets me up in the morning.  
God's sovereignty allows me to sleep at night.***