

Israel's History and the Sovereignty of God

Outline and Discussion Questions

Key Texts of Sunday's Message

Nehemiah 9:6-37

Job 1:21; 2:10

Psalm 33:10-11; 65:9-11; 135:6-7; 147:15-18

Proverbs 21:1

Isaiah 14:26-27; 46:10

Jeremiah 1:5

Amos 3:6

James 4:13-16

Questions for Discussion

1. In regards to worship, what can we learn from the stars (Neh. 9:6)?
2. In what ways does God demonstrate his sovereign faithfulness to Israel in Nehemiah 9:9-37?
3. How do the events of Israel's history, particularly their Assyrian and Babylonian captivity, reflect the message of Proverbs 21:1?
4. In what ways does God demonstrate his sovereign control over the natural world?
(Ps. 65:9-11; 135:6-7; 147:15-18; Matt. 5:45; 6:26, 28-30; 10:29-30)
5. In what ways does God demonstrate his sovereign control over all of human history? (Acts 17:26; Ps. 33:10-11; Isa. 46:10; Amos 3:6)
6. In what ways does God demonstrate his sovereign control over individual lives? (Job 1:21; 2:10; Jer. 1:5; James 4:13-16)
7. How/why has the doctrine of God's sovereignty led many people to respond in anger, frustration, doubt and fear?
8. Our basic response to God's sovereign control is to recognize 1) that all credit belongs to the Lord (Eph. 2:8-9) and 2) the mystery of God's sovereignty in relation to human responsibility should lead to worship rather than frustration and anger (Rom. 11:33-36). Why is mystery of God's sovereignty a good thing?
9. What are other thoughts and questions you have regarding this topic? How can you encourage one another?