

# David: A Picture of God's Sovereignty

## [Psalms 103:19-22](#)

### **[Psalm 103:19-22 \(NASB\)](#)**

**<sup>19</sup>“The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.**

**<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word!**

**<sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will.**

**<sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the LORD, O my soul!”**

Sometimes it's hard to understand God's purposes for adversity. In the midst of a personal tragedy, the Lord's sovereignty may seem like impractical and unrealistic theology. But the truth is, God works all things together for the believer's good ([Romans 8:28](#)).

### **[Romans 8:28 \(NASB\)](#)**

**<sup>28</sup>“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.”**

David's writings illustrate the importance of trusting that the Lord is in control, no matter how difficult the situation. Sometimes it's easy to think of the biblical writers as perfect, almost Christlike figures. But David's life was full of adversity, temptation, sin, and forgiveness.

When he was running for his life from King Saul, God spared him. When he yielded to temptation with Bathsheba, God spared him. When his son attempted to take David's throne, God spared him and kept him as king.

Through all of these unfortunate circumstances, David discovered God was protecting and guiding him every step of the way—and using him for extraordinary purposes, despite his human failings. These experiences taught David to trust wholeheartedly in the Lord's sovereignty.

For those of us in similar situations, the question is, do we believe God is in control? If He's not, then who is? In other words, if life events are random and without purpose, then to whom do we turn in trials?

In [1 Chronicles 29:12](#), David says that God rules over everything and His hand strengthens everyone. Have faith in the Lord's ability to strengthen you with His sovereign hand. Though you may not always understand His reasons, you can surely trust His purposes.

### **[1 Chronicles 29:12 \(NASB\)](#)**

**<sup>12</sup>“Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.”**