



THE SHOCKING  
SOVEREIGNTY  
OF GOD

The Right and Rule of God  
over Israel

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! <sup>34</sup> For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

Romans 11:33-36

<sup>35</sup> Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.”

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## Core Ideas

- God judges sin (Genesis 18:20-21)

<sup>20</sup> And the LORD said, “The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. <sup>21</sup> I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

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- God's penalty for sin is death (Genesis 2:17, Ezekiel 18:4)

<sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Genesis 2:17

<sup>4</sup> Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

Ezekiel 18:4

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- Ezekiel 33:11
- Leviticus 26:18, 21, 23, 27, 40, 44-45
- Jeremiah 29:11



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God brings Israel to repentance because:

1. He loves them
2. He has a greater purpose for them (Genesis 12:3)

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<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts,

“Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you.

They are leading you into futility;

They speak a vision of their own imagination,

Not from the mouth of the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:16-20

17 “They keep saying to those who despise Me,  
‘The LORD has said, “You will have peace”’;  
And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his  
own heart,  
They say, ‘Calamity will not come upon you.’

Jeremiah 23:16-20

“But who has stood in the council of the LORD,  
That he should see and hear His word?

Who has given heed to His word and listened?

<sup>19</sup> “Behold, the storm of the LORD has gone forth in  
wrath,

Even a whirling tempest;

It will swirl down on the head of the wicked.

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<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>6</sup> “Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter *does?*” declares the LORD. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 18:5-8



<sup>7</sup> At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy *it*; <sup>8</sup> if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it.

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- **Lesson**: It is good to pray for mercy for the lost, but we do so recognizing that God is right and wise in His judgement of sin.

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<sup>6</sup> But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset *it*. <sup>7</sup> And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God. <sup>8</sup> David became angry because of the LORD's outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.

2 Samuel 6:6-15



<sup>9</sup> So David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, “How can the ark of the LORD come to me?” <sup>10</sup> And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup> Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

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<sup>12</sup> Now it was told King David, saying, “The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God.” David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness. <sup>13</sup> And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

2 Samuel 6:6-15

<sup>14</sup> And David was dancing before the LORD with all *his* might, and David was wearing a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

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- Greater reverence
- Greater worship

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1. We must be honest with God. But we must submit to Him, not to our emotions.
2. God can change our hearts from anger and fear to awe.

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- God alone provides salvation through faith in His son

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- Do we recognize the mercy we have received? Do we recognize the peril the lost are in and the desire God has for their repentance?