

Sermon Notes May 3, 2020
Lessons from the Isolated – God Knows Best

Story of Wolfgang Korngold

Story of Joseph

Genesis 37-50

Joseph is isolated from his family, isolated in prison, isolated morally, isolated ethnically

What do we mean by God's sovereignty?

God is all-knowing – omniscient

God is all-powerful – omnipotent

God is ever-present – omnipresent

Jeremiah 23:23-24

El Shaddai

These three describe God's attributes – the qualities he possesses

God is love

1 John 4:8

Love describes God's essence – who God is

God is Trinity

All God's actions flow from his love

John 3:16

Romans 5:8

Ephesians 1:4-5

We trust God's sovereignty – his providence – Romans 8:28

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Sovereignty means we forgive

Genesis 50:21

Jesus trusted God's sovereignty on the cross

Luke 23:34

Luke 23:46

John 19:30

When we forgive, we demonstrate our trust in God's sovereignty

Sovereignty means God knows what he is doing

Genesis 50:20

God takes human sinfulness and wickedness *into* his sovereign plan

Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty in 1789

God's purpose is to call us to return to God and join the greatest party ever – 1 Peter 1:7

Sovereignty means God is making us more like Christ

Romans 8:28

God is the subject, not "all things"

Romans 8:29-30

Words from Andrew Murray – the famous 19th century pastor

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