

# The DOCTRINE OF SIN

## Lesson 11 – God’s Sovereignty Over Satan’s Fall Part 1

John Piper

*“So, God is Sovereign, God is purposeful, God is gracious, and it really matters, it really matters.”*

Every time God does one thing to you He’s doing a \_\_\_\_\_ things.

And, therefore, what Jesus was doing in 30 AD in Sycar, in Samaria, was all about Greenville, SC, 1959, 13 yr old John Piper; that’s what He was doing then, and a million other things.

So, I regard it as gloriously significant that we have an infinitely purposeful, sovereign, gracious, good Savior; who \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ of years before we’re born to rescue us from our racism and other sins.

So, where I’m going is to argue for God’s Supreme right and authority and active Sovereignty \_\_\_\_\_ all things including \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ things were made \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. That means for His honor, for His fame, for His glory, not for His improvement. You can’t improve upon the King of Kings the LORD of LORDs, very God of very God. What you can do is make much of Him, display Him, honor Him, magnify Him, glorify Him, praise Him, reflect Him.

Now, I use the word \_\_\_\_\_ as my verb of choice when I talk about God’s sovereignty over sin...

... there is design in what He permits, and therefore when I say He ordains, I mean He has a \_\_\_\_\_ in view, and He’s going somewhere with what He permits to happen.

**Colossians 1:16,**  
*“for by Him (Christ) all things were created in heaven and on earth visible and invisible. Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things were created through Him and for Him!”*

*This entire history is to make Christ look great. You need a cause to live for? Join the biggest cause in the universe; I don’t even know how to say it because universe is too small.*

That’s the way I’m talking about the ordaining of, or the governance of sin or the fall.

And, it’s all part of a magnificent plan to do what, according to Col 1:16? \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Discussion:

John Piper refers to several examples of God sovereignly directing the affairs of men. Read 2 Chron 10:15, 18:22, 25:20 and Prov 16:4. What obvious conclusions can we draw from these texts. Why are they troubling to us?

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Reference Eph 1:3-14. Here we read a different kind of example of how we see God sovereignly directing the affairs of men. Why are these both comforting and troubling to us?

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Webster defines **ordain** as “to establish or order by appointment, decree, or law : *enact* <*we the people...do ordain and establish this Constitution— United States Constitution*>” In Piper’s message, he prefers this word to describe God’s actions over “causes” or “permits”, do you agree? If so why or why not?

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John Piper compares Rev 13:8 and 2 Tim 1:9. What is it about this truth that is both humbling and motivating?

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