

# Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts

## Lesson #4 “The Sovereignty of God Over People”

□ Read chapter Four to sub-heading: “Does God Permit Evil?” and answer the following questions.

**Proverbs 21:1** “*The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.*”

- 1) How did God prompt the Egyptians to give to the Israelites in **Exodus 3:21-22 & 12:35-36**?
- 2) Why do people balk at God’s sovereignty in the decisions and actions of people?
- 3) What is the alternative if God is not sovereign in the decisions and actions of people?
- 4) What does **Proverbs 21:1** teach us about God’s sovereignty and man’s choices?
- 5) What does **Ezra 1:1** teach us about God’s sovereignty and the proclamation of King Cyrus?
- 6) What was the source of Israel’s joy in **Ezra 6:22**?

7) How did God deal with Daniel's dilemma regarding eating unclean foods in **Daniel 1:8-9**?

8) How did God move on King Abimelech in **Genesis 20:6**?

9) What is the truth of **Exodus 34:23-24** regarding the sovereignty of God?

10) What do we tend to do with clear biblical illustrations of God's sovereign control?

**Romans 15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

**Quote:** *"Your promotion or lack of it is in the hands of God"* **Jerry Bridges**