## "GOD IS SOVEREIGN" DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is "*Sovereign*". He is the One Who is above all, is superior to all others, controls everything and can do anything.

It comes from our Prayer Verse, Psalm 109:21 "O '*Sovereign*' Lord, deal well with me, for Your name's sake; out of the goodness of Your love, deliver me."

Our encouragement from this verse first comes from knowing who wrote it and why. It was written by King David during one of the great struggles in his life. Possibly when he was being persecuted by King Saul, or when his son Absalom rebelled against him and took his throne, or when King Saul's own servant, Doeg, willingly murdered all those in the priestly town of Nob because he saw David hiding there. King David wrote this Psalm during one of these times: a time of fear while running for his life, a time of depression and discouragement because his son rebelled against him or a time of great remorse and guilt because innocent people were hurt because of him. But he doesn't remain there as we look at this verse and how he starts it. We see the first three words he writes, "O Sovereign Lord!" David knew that no matter what was happening in his life, God is Sovereign and reigns over all. David is saying, "Lord, You are supreme in power, possessing supreme dominion over all the universe and over all our situations. You are superior to all others, wise in all You do and out of the goodness of Your love, You can deliver me." And God did deliver David. As we read this verse and know his stories of faith, we too can remember that no matter what we are going through, whether fear of the future as David felt so many times, depression or discouragement because someone we are close to or may love have disappointed us or hurt us, or guilt and shame because of something in our lives that may have hurt others, we can trust that God is *Sovereign* in all of these situations and will deal well with each one of us for His name's sake as we turn to him, just as David did. We can trust that He possesses *sovereign* power and dominion over each situation and can do whatever is needed to help guide us to Him and lead us through dark times as we turn to Him and believe He will deliver us in His timing. We can pray to our "Sovereign" Lord that He will give us a deeper understanding of Who He is and what each of us mean to Him, which is everything because He gave us His Son. He is *Sovereign God* and rules over everything and we can trust and rest in His timing and providence as we pray each week, knowing He is working a miraculous story in our lives, even at this very moment, that will bring peace to our souls and glory to His name. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being *Sovereign*. O *Sovereign* LORD, deal well with...

## (names of those you are praying for)

for Your name's sake; out of the goodness of Your love, please deliver us, Father. Lord, we believe You desire to do this for us for it is in Your Word. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.".