

## OUR SOVEREIGN GOD

At times in life, the burdens on us seem almost unbearable. Often we do not understand these trials, so we cry out to God, “Why?” But though we fail to comprehend these painful occurrences, we know that God is sovereign over all his creatures. Scripture teaches us that God will accomplish all things according to his eternal plan. And, if we love God, all things will work together for good (Romans 8.28). No doubt, our frailness and human weakness sometimes cause us to falsely accuse God. We ask, “Why did he bring this trouble on us?” Or, “why did he allow this to happen?” In reality, we do not understand fully the course of events that happen to us. Nor can we see clearly the end from the beginning. But in these circumstances our faith in God, who can see the end from the beginning, must be stronger. As believers, we are called to trust and rely on the guiding hand of the One who will work all things for our good and to his glory. God is the ruler over all his creation, and he rules well!

One of the best examples of human trust in our sovereign God is the patriarch Job. Job suffered heavy affliction. His herds, his servants, his sons and daughters, even his own health were stripped away. All that Job possessed was wiped clean. Job retained nothing but the nakedness that he possessed at his birth. And Job’s recognition of this shows his great faith in God. After all this happened to him, “Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. He said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord’” (Job 1.20-21).<sup>1</sup> When trials of life overtake us, may we possess the faith of Job and be able to say, “Blessed be the name of the Lord.” Such trust in God’s sovereignty is greater than anything that this world can give to us.

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<sup>1</sup>From the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989).