**Sovereignty** is defined by Webster's as supreme power especially over a body politic. It describes freedom from external control or of other controlling influences. God is the ultimate authority in every sphere and place. It follows that all creation is subject to Him and that all creation is answerable to Him. As an aside, what verb do you see in the word sovereign? "Reign" of course, and this verb captures the essence of this divine attribute. Our God Reigns!

## Our God Reigns

by Leonard Smith

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him Who brings good news, good news;
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:

Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Refrain

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He had no stately form, He had no majesty
That we should be drawn to Him.

He was despised and we took no account of Him.

Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Refrain

It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded Him.

It was our sin that brought Him down.

When we like sheep had gone astray our Shepherd came And on His shoulders bore our shame.

Refrain

Meek as a lamb that's led out to the slaughterhouse,
Dumb as a sheep before its shearer,
His life ran down upon the ground like pouring rain
That we might be born again.

Refrain

Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive.

God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side Yes we know, He is alive.

The 1828 Edition of Webster's defines Sovereign as

Supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion; as a sovereign ruler of the universe. Supreme; superior to all others; chief. God is the sovereign good of all who love and obey him. Supremely efficacious; superior to all others; predominant; effectual; as a sovereign remedy." Easton's Bible Dictionary says **Sovereignty** is God's

absolute right to do all things according to his own good pleasure ( $\underline{Da\ 4:25}$ ,  $\underline{35}$ ;  $\underline{Ro\ 9:15}$ ,  $\underline{16}$ ,  $\underline{17}$ ,  $\underline{18}$ ,  $\underline{19}$ ,  $\underline{20}$ ,  $\underline{21}$ ,  $\underline{22}$ ,  $\underline{23}$ ;  $\underline{1Ti\ 6:15}$ ;  $\underline{Re\ 4:11}$ ).

New Unger's Bible Dictionary says that regarding the **Sovereignty** of God, that

He is under no external restraint whatsoever. He is the Supreme Dispenser of all events. All forms of existence are within the scope of His dominion. And yet this is not to be viewed in any such way as to abridge the reality of the moral freedom of God's responsible creatures

or to make men anything else than the arbiters of their own eternal destinies. God has seen fit to create beings with the power of choice between good and evil. He rules over them in justice and wisdom and grace. (<u>Unger, M. F., Harrison, R. K., Vos, H. F., Barber, C. J., & Unger, M. F. The New Unger's Bible Dictionary. Chicago: Moody Press</u>)

The Sovereignty of God A. W. Pink. Here is an excerpt to encourage you to read the entire topic:

The sovereignty of God may be defined as the exercise of His supremacy... Being infinitely elevated above the highest creature, He is the Most High, Lord of "heaven and earth. Subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent; God does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases. None can thwart Him, none can hinder Him. So His own Word expressly declares: "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (Is 46:10); "He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand" (Da 4:35-note). Divine sovereignty means that God is God in fact, as well as in name, that He is on the Throne of the universe, directing all things, working all things "after the counsel of His own will" (Ep 1:11-note).