

Sovereignty of God

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I. Introduction.

- A. There are more than a hundred billion stars.
- B. It would take three thousand years to get to the next habitable universe.

II. God's purpose in the life of the believer.

- A. God knows the number of the stars, their names and every person by name, too. (Psalm 147:4, Matthew 10:29-30)
- B. Someday the Christian will receive a new name that nobody else knows and is a secret name. (Revelation 2:17)
- C. God made every star different in individual glory to make music together like a symphony. (1 Corinthians 10:41, Job 38:7)
 - 1. So too every individual is uniquely made to contribute his gifts to God's symphony. As long as one is contributing his note, there is harmony
 - 2. The application of the life of Samuel is to find out what a person's thing is and to do it. The only time the Spirit of God came upon him is when he was fulfilling his purpose.

III. How these things can be.

- A. God is just as capable of knowing all things as a parent is able of knowing the names of his or her children.
- B. God has put within man eternal desires but man only has a temporal and inefficient brain, heart and body that are unable to gratify the appetites - the believer has a new body to look forward to that can finally gratify the appetites.
- C. Due to the porosity of matter it is possible for many, many worlds to occupy the same space at the same time. In order to get to heaven, one just changes frequencies. Christ is in you literally. God is a God at hand and not far off. (Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 1:27, Matthew 18:19, Jeremiah 23:23, Psalm 34:7)
 - 1. A spiritual army surrounded Elijah. (2 Kings 6)
 - 2. God does not show Himself because He operates on frequency holiness and we do not. It is an act of mercy that He does not reveal Himself fully. (Hebrews 10:31, 12:29)

D. Man is the focal point of God's attention amidst His greatness. (Psalm 8:3, 139:17, 1 Corinthians 2:9)

Application questions.

1. What is the speaker's main point in the message? How does he support it?

2. How do you uniquely contribute to the body of Christ? How do you see God shaping and molding your life to reveal His plan and purpose for you?

3. What will you do to better discern God's immediate purpose for you? What skills and gifts can you develop to better do this?
