

Isaiah 45:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ This is what the LORD says-- the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands?

¹² It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.

3. God creates: _____

Isaiah 45:13 (NIV)

¹³ I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says the LORD Almighty."

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 (NIV)

²² In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing:

²³ This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: "The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of his people among you--may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up."

4. God is in control: _____

What should we do with the idea of sovereignty?

1. My attempt to control outcomes is _____
2. If God is truly sovereign: _____
3. God's Sovereignty is actually a huge _____

Psalms 135:6 (NIV)

⁶ The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Answers: Share Him, Obey Him, Yield to Him, Trust Him, folly, I need not be, relief

"The Sovereignty of God"

Pastor Lance Brown
August 5, 2018

The Impossible Improbable Story of King Cyrus (Isaiah 45)

After many years of grumbling—The Fall of Jerusalem (586 B.C.)

2 Chronicles 36:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. ¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and spared neither young man nor young woman, old man or aged. God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar.

Isaiah 45:1, 6 (NIV)

¹ This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

1. God reveals Himself to People: _____

Isaiah 45:9 (NIV)

⁹ Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherd on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'?

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2. God Commands: _____

Isaiah 45:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ This is what the LORD says-- the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands?

¹² It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.

3. God creates: _____

Isaiah 45:13 (NIV)

¹³ I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says the LORD Almighty."

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 (NIV)

²² In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing:

²³ This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: "The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of his people among you-- may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up."

4. God is in control: _____

What should we do with the idea of sovereignty?

1. My attempt to control outcomes is _____
2. If God is truly sovereign: _____
3. God's Sovereignty is actually a huge _____

Psalms 135:6 (NIV)

⁶ The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Answers: Share Him, Obey Him, Yield to Him, Trust Him, folly, I need not be, relief

"The Sovereignty of God"

Pastor Lance Brown

August 5, 2018

The Impossible Improbable Story of King Cyrus (Isaiah 45)

After many years of grumbling—The Fall of Jerusalem (586 B.C.)

2 Chronicles 36:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. ¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and spared neither young man nor young woman, old man or aged. God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar.

Isaiah 45:1, 6 (NIV)

¹ This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

1. God reveals Himself to People: _____

Isaiah 45:9 (NIV)

⁹ Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherd on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'?

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2. God Commands: _____