

**Series: Foundational Truth (7/23/17)**

**Title: The Sovereign (Gen 1:1)**

Scripture, Sovereign, Savior, Salvation, Separation, Sanctuary, Service, Stewardship, Second Coming

**Scripture-**(From the Resource section of our Website)

*We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible and that the Bible is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. For the English-speaking people, God's word has been preserved in the King James Bible.*

**(From the Statement of Faith in our Published**

**Constitution)** *We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible and that the Bible is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. We believe that the King James Version (KJV) is the only true and accurate, preserved Word of God in its English translation. We use only the KJV in teaching and preaching (ministering) from the pulpit.*

**Because we believe the Bible to be True, The Bible Expresses the Existence of God without explanation or Apology.**

**(Gen 1:1)** *In the beginning God created the heaven&the earth*

**Sovereign** - (Existence of God)

*We believe in a triune God, manifesting Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all being equal in divine perfection.*

*(Psalm 90:2) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*

***This is a Real Problem for some people.***

Ask yourself why it is a problem for them?

If its True, Then they are Wrong.

No one likes to be wrong.

**Discovered Truth Demands a Decision for Change**

When we learn a new Truth it Changes our understanding of the world, and how we interact with it.

**The Truth of the Existence of God means we then are accountable to Him as a our Sovereign.**

*(ie.I am no longer King of my life.)*

**There is a God:** *The evidence so clear the bible declares a person a fool who denies it.*

*(Ps 14:1) The fool hath said in his heart, there is no god.*

**Universal Desire in Man for Worship:**

*(Rom 2:14-15) For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)*

**It is Not Only Possible to know Him, God wants us to know him:**

*(Jer 24:7) And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.*

### What's your God like?

How well do we know God? *What He likes, what makes Him laugh, what warms His heart?*

### Attributes of God

#### **I. Omniscience: He Literally knows Everything!**

##### **He knows you! (Psalm 139:1)**

*He Knows Us, He Really, Really does. Does that scare you?*

##### **He knew what we would look like! Vs 15-16**

*He knew we would get saved. (Eph 1:3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

He knows Me! He knows my heart! (1 Sam 16:7)

He Loves Me anyway!

**You can't fool Him, He Knows!**

##### **Vs 2: He knows what WE have done & what WE will do!**

(Rev 2&3) *"I know thy Works"*

Does that Shock You?

He knows what you were doing at 10pm last night!

##### **Vs 3: He knows where WE go and how WE live.**

(Job 23:10) *He knoweth the way that I take*

(Job 31:4) *Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?*

(Psa 37:23) *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

(Ps 1:6) *For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

He knows where you were Friday evening at 10:30pm, Does your mom and dad?

**Vs 4: He knows what We say.** (Matt 12:36) *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

**He knows if we build people or tear them down.**

**Every thing muttered under our breath shall be judged.**

##### **Make sure your words are sweet, you may have to eat**

**them!** (Ps 39:1) *I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.*

**Vs 5: He knows what I feel.** (Heb 4:15) *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

**He knows all this about US, yet he loves US anyway!**

(Jer 31:3) *The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*

**He knew what a sorry rascal I would become, yet he loved me in spite of it!**

(1 Jn 4:10) *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (Rom 5:8) But God Commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

***How Can This Be? VS 6 Why?*** (Is 55:8) *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

**God Knows Best, Because He knows Everything!**

*Illus: Remember the TV Show "Father Knows Best".*

**You Cannot Improve upon His Plan. God Knows Best!!!**

**God is Immutable: He does not change!** (Mal 3:6) *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

**You cannot Change His Mind! But God you don't understand!!!!**

***What he hated back in the OT he hates now!***

***What he wanted back then, He wants now!***

**God's Plan for Salvation: He Planned it in advance!**

(Eph1:5) *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

***He knew I would need a savior. Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1990, 9PM He Knew!!!!***

**God's Plan for your Life! - He planned it in advance!**

(Rom8:29) *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

***We are to be like Jesus, Live like Jesus, Act Like Jesus, Do the Work Jesus did! It's still the Best Plan!!***

**Church attendance:** (Gen 22:3) *The Place which God had told him.*

(Ex 33:21) *And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.*

***God's Plan is still the Local NT Baptist Church!***

**You Cannot Improve on God's Plan because He knows Everything!!!!**

**What's your God like?**

**II. Omnipresent: He is everywhere! Vs 7-10**

*Illus: I was always trying to hide from my mom.*

***You can't hide from God and he will never leave you alone. (Heb 13:5) for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

***(2 Tim 4:16) At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me;***

**You are never Alone. It may be dark and you may not know what to do, but he has not left you. (Is 50:10) Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.**

**III. Omnipotent: Ps 139:13-16 He created all things including us.**

**Because we believe the Bible to be True, Thus, We believe Genesis is a literal account of Creation. (Gen 1, 2)**  
(Gen 1:1) *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

**This is a real Problem for all of people.**

**Ask yourself, Why?**

(2 Pet 3:4-7) *And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*  
(Biblical Definition of Evolution)

5 *For this they willingly are ignorant of, (Dumb On Purpose) that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was (Creation), being overflowed with water (the Flood), perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (The Coming Judgement)*

**You Can Lead an Atheist to Evidence, but You Can't Make Him Think**

*“What I spent all that time and money learning in college was wrong.”  
“I will be ridiculed by the Academic Elite for not thinking like them.?”*

**The Bible is a book that Teaches Direct Spontaneous Creation:**

(Gen 1:5) *And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were **the first day.*** (Gen 1:8) “The” 2nd day. Etc (Vs 13, 19, 23, 31)

**The Bible Teaches That God Spoke the World into existence**

(Ps 148:5) *Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he **commanded**, and they were **created.***

Consistent with (Gen 1:3) “*And God Said*”  
Spontaneous Creation

**6 Times the Bible says that “God Made”**

(Gen 2:4) *These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, **in the day** that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,*

(Gen 2:5) *Created before they were put on the earth.*

**5 Times the Bible uses the word “Created”**

(Gen 5:2) *Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, **in the day** when they were **created.***

**4 Times the Bible says “Beginning of the Creation”**

(Mark 10:6) *But **from the beginning of the creation** God made them male and female.*

**Jesus said that Creation had a Beginning (A Starting Point)**

(Matt 19:4) *And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,*

6 Times the Bible refers to it as “The Creation” which means, that which was created.

**Ordered Universe:** (Ps 19:1-2)(Jer 31:35)

**Causality: Every Effect started with and equal or greater cause!**

The Cause of limitless space	-must be something infinite.
The Cause of Endless Time	-must be Eternal
The Cause of Perpetual Motion	-must be Omnipotent
The Cause of Order	-must be Intelligent
The Cause of Feeling	-must be Emotional
The Cause of Ethics	-must be Moral
The Cause of Faith	-must be Spirituality
The Cause of Righteousness	-must be Holy
The Cause of Justice	-must be Just
The Cause of Love	-must be Loving
The Cause of Life	-must be Living

**1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Laws of Thermodynamics:**

The Laws of Conservation of Energy & Increasing Entropy

The law of conservation of energy states that the total energy of an isolated system is constant; energy can be transformed from one form to another, but can be neither created nor destroyed.

(Gen 2:1-2) *Thus the heavens and the earth were **finished**, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day **God ended his work which he had made**; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

The Law of Increasing Entropy: All things move from a state of Order to Disorder.

As time goes on the available power decreases (2<sup>nd</sup> Law) even though the total power in the universe remains constant (1<sup>st</sup> Law).

Thus the source of the power must be outside this universe and greater than this universe!

(Col 1:17) *He is before all things & by Him all things consist.*

**The Creator Can Not be Temporal, but Eternal!**

**This is a real Problem for allot of people.**

**Ask yourself, Why?**

Nobody likes to admit they were wrong.

Nobody likes the consequences of being wrong.

*“ I am accountable to a Holy God.”*

**Gen 1:1** *In the beginning God created the Heavens&the earth*  
**Jn 1:3** *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

**Ps 33:6-9** *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

**He is a Big God!** **Job 9:4** *He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.*

*Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.*

**How Big is your God? Is 40:21 21** *Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:*

**How Big is your God? Illus: Shannon**  
*Is He bigger than your problems?  
Is He bigger than your Illness?*

**How Big is Your God?**  
*Gen 18:14 Is there anything too hard for the Lord?  
Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:*

**Then Why Don't We Trust Him?**  
**He knows What's Best!**  
**He Sees Everything!**  
**He can do Everything!**

**Why do we think we can find a better way, or do it on our own?**

**Do You trust His Power? I can do all things through Christ which Strengtheneth Me!**  
**Do You Trust His Love? I have loved thee with an everlasting Love.**  
**Do you trust His promises?**

**HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?**

**He has a purpose for ME!** *I am no Accident!*  
*(Jer 1:5)*  
*(Ps 139:14) - I have a purpose!*  
*(Gal 2:20) For me to run my own life and do my own thing is like telling God He is wrong!*

**You Matter! You have merit! Jn 3:16 Nothing is more valuable to God than you!**  
Ps 56:9 Your picture is on God's Screen saver!