

# Our Sovereign God

*"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"  
Genesis 18:14 (NIV)*

**A**s a typical young boy, I thought my father was the wisest, strongest man in the world. Indeed, he was intellectually gifted and unusually strong from being a farmer the first 40 years of his life. As I grew up my love for my dad increased while I developed a more accurate view of his limitations.

Our verse for today asks a rhetorical question. Instead of saying, "Nothing is too hard for our God.", the writer poses a question that can only have one answer, an emphatic "No!" This way of writing helps reinforce the point the writer makes.

This truth is both wonderful and mysterious. First, this truth brings great comfort as we see how broken and chaotic our world really is. To quote William Cowper as he speaks of God's sovereignty:

God moves  
in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;

He plants His footsteps  
in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in  
unfathomable mines  
Of never failing skill  
He treasures up  
His bright designs  
And works  
His sov'reign will.

While we may be encouraged that creation has not overcome the resources of our great God, the mere fact of chaos in a sovereign God's world is indeed "mysterious" as Cowper puts it.

While we may not understand some of the Lord's ways, we have confidence in Him as we look at how the Father sacrificed His beloved Son in Whom He was well pleased for us. This is why John 3:16 puts emphasis on the fact God SO loved the world, He loved the world in such a profound manner that He went to this great, and costly extent of sacrificing His beloved Son for us.

Isaac Watts put it so vividly:

See, from his head,  
his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love  
flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love  
and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose  
so rich a crown?

No sacrifice, no suffering,  
no pain, has ever come  
close to that our Lord en-  
dured out of love for His  
people.

When you grow weary by  
looking at your problems,  
turn and see the cross in all  
its glory and be resolved  
to move forward in the  
strength of the Lord. Come  
to the cross, look and learn,  
then you shall be more  
than conquerors through  
Him Who loved us and  
gave Himself for us.

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