

Session #24 – The Freedom of God.

I. God's Freedom Portrayed.

Exodus 3:13-14 –

Exodus 33:18-20 –

Romans 9:10-18 –

What makes one person to differ from another?

Why did God mercifully love Jacob and justly not love Esau? the _____ of God.

Daniel 4:35 –

To whom does God answer?

Isaiah 46:10-11 –

God has a _____ and a _____, and he will carry it out; he will accomplish what _____ purposes to carry out.

Psalms 33:10-11 –

What does God carry? The _____ of his _____."

Matthew 20:13, 15 – Here is the parable of the generous landowner

At the end of the day, he asks, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?"

This is who God is. He is free, truly free.

"Our God is in the _____; he does all that he _____" (Psalm 115:3).

II. God's Freedom Explained.

Exodus 33 – How could Moses be assured that God would go up with the people?

God's freedom completely outclasses any other freedom that may be known by one of his creatures.

Angels (Psalm 103:20)

Birds – “the supposedly free bird actually lives its entire life in a _____ made of fears, hungers, and instincts; it is limited by weather conditions, varying air pressures, the local food supply, predatory beasts, and that strangest of all bonds, the irresistible compulsion to stay within the small plot of land and air assigned it by birdland comity. The freest bird is, along with every other created thing, held in constant check by a net of necessity. Only God is free” (Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 116).

A. W. Tozer: “God is said to be _____ free because no one and no thing can _____ Him or compel Him or stop Him. He is able to do as He _____ always, everywhere, forever” (*The Knowledge of the Holy*, 116).

Tozer again: God’s “sovereignty requires that He be absolutely free, which means simply that He must be free to do whatever He wills to do anywhere at any time to carry out His eternal purpose in every single detail without interference. Were He less than free He must be less than sovereign” (115).

III. God’s Freedom Exalted.

Christians should delight in the glory of God’s freedom.

Why is the freedom of God is a hard pill to swallow for the natural man?

Why is it a good thing that God decides?

“Yahweh’s freedom means we can (and should!) Give him all the credit for our salvation. It also means we can meaningfully pray for unbelievers, since his free choices outweigh theirs. It even means that no one, no matter how evil or resistant to him, is beyond his grace: Idol-worshiping Israelites should prove that. But most of all it means we can worship a God who is significantly larger than we can imagine, and ask, with Moses, ‘Show me your glory!’” (Andrew Wilson, *Incomparable*, 285)