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Message Outline

"A Sovereign and Personal God"*

Spiritual Reformation, Chapter 9

- I. "God's Sovereignty and Human Responsibility"*
 - A. God's Sovereignty in the Scripture
 - B. Human Responsibility in the Scripture
 - C. Both Together in the Scripture
- II. "Mystery and the Nature of God"*
 - A. Not Contradiction but Mystery
 - B. "God does not stand behind good and evil in the same way."*
 - C. God's Nature is Both Transcendent and Personal
- III. Conclusion: What Bearing All This Has on Prayer
 - A. Lessons on Prayer from God's Servants in the Scripture
 - B. Our Personal Resolve

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

Gen 50:19-20, 2 Sam 24, Isaiah 10:5-19; John 6:37-40; Phil 2:12-13; Acts 18:9-10; Acts 4:23-30; Daniel 9

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- "What are the two truths that must be held together if we are to think biblically about prayer? How are these truths tied to the very nature of God?"*
- "If we grant that there is some mystery in the way these two truths hang together, how can they function in our lives without constant distortion? Give some examples. Include some comment on Daniel's reasoning in the prayer recorded in Daniel 9"*
- "Select one [of the above underlined] passages and explain it to someone."*
- "How does Paul avoid making the pursuit of what is excellent an idolatrous exercise?"*
- **Community Group Discussion: "Does prayer change things?"***

Memory & Meditation Verse

"For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur." Acts 4:27-28, NASB

Community Life

- Nurture your prayer life in community! Join us on Tuesdays for a bring-your-own lunch at our church meeting site or in the evenings in Salinas rotating between the Acaya and the Schwanz residence.

Next Sunday

Spiritual Reformation, Ch. 10, "Praying to the Sovereign God"; Eph 1:15-23*

*Titles, Discussion Questions and Outline Headings from D. A. Carson's *Spiritual Reformation*, Baker Book House, 1992.