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Welcome to this transformative Bible study, *Seeing God's Sovereignty*.

Imagine standing at the edge of a vast ocean, waves crashing with purpose and power. This is a picture of God's sovereignty—His unmatched power to rule over all creation—and His providence, the tender, intentional care that directs every detail of our lives toward achieving His divine plan.

In this study, we'll explore how our perspective shapes our perception of reality, influencing the decisions we make and the paths we choose.

The right perspective begins with God's sovereignty. By understanding the truth of God's supreme authority, we gain clarity to see His providence at work—guiding, sustaining, and weaving every moment into His greater purpose. Through seven powerful lessons, we'll uncover the characteristics of God's sovereignty, witness His providence in action, and learn to cultivate attitudes that draw us closer to Him. Ultimately, we'll discover how to discern God's will and walk faithfully in His plan for our lives.

As we begin, let's open our hearts to the awe-inspiring truth that our God is both the King who reigns supreme and our Heavenly Father who lovingly guides us. May this study transform your perspective, deepen your trust, and inspire you to live boldly for His glory.

The Power of Perspective

As the saying goes, "With a new perspective, everything changes, even when nothing else does." Our perspective is shaped by deeply held beliefs and values, forged through education, experiences, and life's circumstances. It acts as a lens, coloring how we perceive reality.

Perception, born from this perspective, is our interpretation of truth—what we see when we view the world through this lens. Ultimately, it drives our decisions, as our choices reflect the values and truths we hold dear.

Perspective → Perception → Decision-Making

Sovereignty and Providence

God's Sovereignty: His supreme power and authority to govern all creation with unmatched dominion.

God's Providence: His purposeful, active care and guidance, orchestrating every detail of existence toward His divine purposes.

In essence, God's sovereignty establishes His absolute rule, while His providence applies that authority through intentional, loving direction. Distinct yet inseparable, sovereignty is the foundation, and providence is its expression, ensuring all things align with His eternal plan.

Aspect	God's Sovereignty	God's Providence
Definition	Supreme power and authority to rule	Active care and guidance over creation
Focus	Right and ability to govern	How God exercises that governance
Scope	Broad, foundational authority	Specific, applied care and direction
Biblical Example	1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (God rules over all)	Romans 8:28 (all things work for good)
Theological Emphasis	God's control and lordship	God's care and purposeful orchestration

Overview of Seeing God's Sovereignty

1. Five Characteristics of God's Sovereignty

Understanding the nature of God's sovereignty lays the foundation for recognizing how God's providence guides our daily walk with Christ.

2. Eight Ways God's Providence Impacts Our Lives

By seeing God's providence at work, we deepen our threefold relationship with God.

3. Embrace Your Threefold Relationship with God

This relationship encourages us to cultivate attitudes that align our hearts with God's supreme authority.

4. Cultivate 10 Attitudes Aligned with God's Supreme Authority

These attitudes are prerequisites for discerning God's will for our lives.

5. Five Steps to Discern God's Will

Discerning God's will guides us toward understanding His broader plan for our purpose.

6. God's Will Leads to God's Plan

God's will is not a goal we pursue on our own terms. It is part of His divine plan.

7. Directional Principles

These are guiding principles for faithfully following Him according to His plan.