**Blessed Be Your Name [Lyrics] [Default Arrangement] by Beth Redman and Matt Redman Blessed be Your name**

**In the land that is plentiful**

**Where Your streams of abundance flow**

**Blessed be your name**

**Blessed be Your name**

**When I'm found in the desert place**

**Though I walk through the wilderness**

**Blessed be your name**

**Pre-chorus**

**Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise**

**When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say**

**Chorus**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name**

**When the sun's shining down on me**

**When the world's all as it should be**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name**

**On the road marked with suffering**

**Though there's pain in the offering**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Chorus**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Bridge**

**You give and take away**

**You give and take away**

**My heart will choose to say**

**Lord blessed be Your name**

**(repeat)**

**Chorus**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

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**Indescribable  Laura Story**

**Verse 1**

**From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea**

**Creation's revealing Your majesty**

**From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring**

**Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings**

**All exclaiming**

**Chorus 1**

**Indescribable uncontainable**

**You placed the stars in the sky**

**And You know them by name**

**You are amazing God**

**All powerful untamable**

**Awestruck we fall to our knees**

**As we humbly proclaim**

**You are amazing God**

**Verse 2**

**Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go**

**Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow**

**Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light**

**Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night**

**None can fathom**

**Misc 1**

**(Interlude)**

**You are amazing God**

**Chorus 2**

**Indescribable uncontainable**

**You placed the stars in the sky**

**And You know them by name**

**You are amazing God**

**Incomp'rable unchangeable**

**You see the depths of my heart**

**And You love me the same**

**You are amazing God**

**Misc 2**

**(Ending)**

**You see the depths of my heart**

**And You love me the same**

**You are amazing God**

**(REPEAT)**

**You see the depths of our hearts**

**And You love us the same**

**You are amazing God**

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**Be Still And Know  Steven Curtis Chapman**

**Verse 1**

**Be still and know that He is God**

**Be still and know that He is holy**

**Be still oh restless soul of mine**

**Bow before the Prince of Peace**

**Let the noise and clamor cease**

**Verse 2**

**Be still and know that He is God**

**Be still and know that He is faithful**

**Consider all that He has done**

**Stand in awe and be amazed**

**And know that He will never change**

**Be still**

**Chorus 1**

**Be still and know that He is God**

**Be still and know that He is God**

**Be still and know that He is God**

**Be still be speechless**

**Verse 3**

**Be still and know that He is God**

**Be still and know He is our Father**

**Come rest your head upon His breast**

**Listen to the rhythm of**

**His unfailing heart of love**

**Beating for His little ones**

**Calling each of us to come**

**Misc 1**

**(Ending)**

**Be still be still**

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**Nothing But The Blood  Matt Redman**

**Verse 1**

**Your blood speaks a better word**

**Than all the empty claims I've heard**

**Upon this earth**

**Speaks righteousness for me**

**And stands in my defense**

**Jesus it's Your blood**

**Chorus 1**

**What can wash away our sins**

**What can make us whole again**

**Nothing but the blood**

**Nothing but the blood of Jesus**

**What can wash us pure as snow**

**Welcomed as the friends of God**

**Nothing but Your blood**

**Nothing but Your blood**

**King Jesus**

**Verse 2**

**Your cross testifies in grace**

**Tells of the Father's heart**

**To make a way for us**

**Now boldly we approach**

**Not earthly confidence**

**It's only by Your blood**

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**Overwhelmed  Michael Weaver and Phil Wickham**

**Verse 1**

**I see the work of Your hands**

**Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance oh God**

**All that You are is so overwhelming**

**Verse 2**

**And I hear the sound of Your voice**

**All at once it's a gentle**

**And thundering noise oh God**

**All that You are is so overwhelming**

**Chorus 1**

**I delight myself in You**

**Captivated by Your beauty**

**I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

**And God I run into Your arms**

**Unashamed because of mercy**

**I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

**Verse 3**

**I know the pow'r of Your cross**

**Forgiven and free forever You'll be my God**

**All that You've done is so overwhelming**

**Chorus 2**

**I delight myself in You**

**In the glory of Your presence**

**I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

**And God I run into Your arms**

**Unashamed because of mercy**

**I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

**Misc 1**

**(Bridge)**

**You are beautiful You are beautiful**

**Oh God there is no one more beautiful**

**You are beautiful God You are the most beautiful**

**You are wonderful You are wonderful**

**Oh God there is no one more wonderful**

**You are wonderful God You are the most wonderful**

**You are glorious You are glorious**

**Oh God there is no one more glorious**

**You are glorious God You are the most glorious**

**Misc 2**

**(Ending)**

**I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

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**“The Absolute Sovereignty of God”**

**Pastor’s Choice**

**Definition**

**God’s Sovereignty – all things are under his rule and control, and nothing happens without his direction or permission.**

**This doesn’t simply mean God has the power and right to govern all things, but that he does govern all things. He ordains everything that comes to pass. He doesn’t merely foresee what will happen, he controls it in such a way that everything happens according to his will, either by decree or permission.**

**The General Principle**

**Ephesians 1:11 – “*[God]* works all things according to the counsel of his will…”**

* **Greek verb *energeo*: to work, produce, make, cause an effect. (Present tense = God is actively, continually working.)**
* **“All things” – not just some things. Nothing is excluded from the scope of his providential working, including the existence of evil and sin.**
* **“Counsel” – purpose, plan, decision. God is working to make sure everything occurs according to his predetermined purpose and plan.**

**This principle is taught repeatedly in Scripture (Ps 115:3, 135:6; Isa 46:10; Job 42:2; Dan 4:35).**

**7 Arenas of God’s Sovereignty**

1. **God is sovereign over our birth. (Ps 139:13, 119:73, 100:3; Job 33:4; Ex 4:11)**
2. **God is sovereign over our circumstances.**
* **Plans/Direction: Prov 16:9, 19:21, 20:24; Ps 16:9; Jas 4:13-15**
* **Success/Failure: Isa 45:7; 1Sam 2:6-7; Lam 3:38-39**
* **Temptation: 1Cor 10:13**
* **Suffering/Trials/Persecution: 1Pet 4:19, 3:17**
* **Random Details: Prov 16:33**
1. **God is sovereign over our salvation.**

**God has predestined and chosen from all eternity who will be saved. All of us deserve hell, and he is not obligated to save anyone. God is free to save no one, everyone, or some as a demonstration of his mercy and grace (Rom 9:15). Ultimately, the only reason we choose God is if he first chooses us: Jn 15:16; Mt 22:14; Eph 1:4-6; 2Tim 1:9.**

1. **God is sovereign over our good works.**

**God not only prepares our good works in advance (Eph 2:10), he prepared us to do the good works. He works in us both to will and to work for his good pleasure (Phil 2:12-13).**

1. **God is sovereign over nature.**

**God creates, sustains, and governs every aspect of the natural world – from the smallest microorganism to the largest catastrophe.**

* **The life and breath of every creature is in his hand (Job 12:10).**
* **He upholds the universe (Heb 1:3) and holds it together (Col 1:17).**
* **He causes the grass to grow (Ps 104:14).**
* **He feeds the birds (Mt 6:26); not one perishes apart from his will (Mt 10:29).**
* **He causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the just and unjust (Mt 5:45).**
1. **God is sovereign over rulers and nations. (Dan 2:21, 5:21; Prov 21:1; Rom 13:1)**
2. **God is sovereign over our death. (Job 14:5; Ps 139:16; Deut 32:39)**

**Two Chief Objections**

**If God is the ultimate cause of all things and ordains everything that comes to pass, (1) does that make him the author of evil, and (2) does that mean we don’t have free will?**

**Westminster Confession of Faith: “God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin; nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.”**

* **As human beings, we make real choices and decisions, and we are responsible and accountable for our actions. But God’s will takes into account our will. He uses our will to accomplish his will.**
* **There’s a difference between what God decrees and what he permits. Some things God causes directly himself. Other things he allows to happen. He could prevent them from happening, and in the sense that he permits them, it is his will that they come to pass. But God is never the author or the perpetrator or the approver of sin, even though he permits it to exist.**

**The Inscrutability of God**

**The relationship between God’s sovereignty and human responsibility is mysterious and beyond our comprehension. That’s a good thing – it means that God is a lot bigger and smarter than we are, and we need to trust him (Rom 11:33; Isa 55:8-9).**

**Paul Tripp: “God will not always give us answers, but he always gives us himself.”**

**The benefits of this doctrine:**

* **It magnifies our awe and wonder of God’s infinite power and wisdom.**
* **It cultivates humility and awareness of our human limitations.**
* **It draws us into deeper levels of trust and surrender.**
* **It provides us with comfort, confidence and security in times of trouble.**
* **It reminds us that good will triumph over evil.**

***Romans 8:28 – “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good***

 ***to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”***

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:­**

1. **How do you feel about the definition of God’s sovereignty Pastor Kenton gave in the message? Is there anything you disagree with?**
2. **Name one or two verses about God’s sovereignty that blow your mind.**
3. **Which “arena” of God’s sovereignty stood out to you the most personally, and why?**
4. **If God is the ultimate cause of all things and ordains everything that comes to pass, does that make him the author of evil? Does that mean we don’t have free will? How would you respond to those two main objections?**