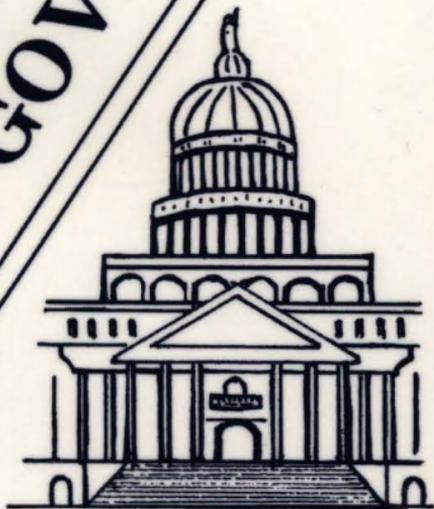




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## **DEDICATION**

**This book is dedicated to the Most High and Sovereign God of the Universe, Who has revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ. He is the only Potentate, King of kings, and Lord of lords. He is the Invincible One. His power cannot be defeated, His purpose cannot be thwarted, and His glory cannot be diminished. He deserves all honor, praise, worship, and glory. In the words of Paul the Apostle, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen" (I Timothy 1:17).**

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## **FOREWORD**

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History bears indisputable evidence that America was established as a Christian constitutional republic. Regrettably, the popular, contemporary, anemic, sentimental, and romanticized kind of religious faith that deifies man and humanizes God has supplanted the spiritual faith that birthed and established America over 200 years ago. The faith of those early Americans moved them to action and obedience to God.

Those early Americans, who determined to commence the great American experience of freedom, embraced a cardinal truth of biblical Christianity which they knew was indispensable in achieving their goals: **the sovereignty of God**. This was evidenced by the language of those dedicated men who gave their support for

a general Congress in Philadelphia on September 5, 1774.

“The Christian sympathy and generosity of our friends through the Continent cannot fail to inspire the inhabitants of this town with patience, resignation, and firmness, while we trust in the **Supreme Ruler of the universe**, that he will graciously hear our cries, and in his time free us from our present bondage and make us rejoice in his **great salvation.**” (emphasis added)

Faith in Christ and an unshakable confidence in the sovereignty of God was so pronounced in those men that it caused one crown-appointed governor to write the Board of Trade in England explaining that:

“If you ask an American, who is his master? He will tell you he has none, nor any governor but Jesus Christ.”

The conviction of the Committees of Correspondence throughout the Colonies was likewise indicative of the faith of the early Americans: “**No King but King Jesus!**”

Reflecting the grass-roots faith of the people, the founding fathers unashamedly declared a faith and firm reliance in God's sovereignty. The last sentence of the Declaration of Independence declares:

**“For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.”**  
(emphasis added)

The Christian faith and the biblical truth of the sovereignty of God were central in the minds of those early Americans because these truths were vigorously proclaimed by the preachers. It was the preaching of God's Word that convinced the people to believe that Christianity and a firm belief in the sovereignty of God were essential to realizing their vision of the great American experience of freedom.

Sadly, the biblical truths that empowered, inspired, motivated, and invigorated our forefathers have virtually disappeared from most pulpits in America today; thus, they are no longer a part of the great American experience of freedom. As a result, the great Christian

constitutional republic envisioned and structured by the founding fathers has become an antinomian democracy controlled by men who are governed by a spirit of autonomy.

America is in serious trouble today because of a defective theology that denies the absolute sovereignty of God over all things - including civil government. When the sovereignty of God is ignored or denied and the autonomy of man becomes the central theme of the preachers of a nation, it is inevitable that the sovereign God of the Bible will be ignored or denied by the civil government of that nation. To deny the sovereignty of God is to deny God Himself.

God is sovereign whether men or governments recognize or acknowledge His sovereignty or not. But men and nations will never be the recipients of the blessings, protection, and prosperity which only the sovereign God can bestow until they acknowledge, confess, and bow in submission to Him and His sovereignty. The blessed nation is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33:12).

Because we live in a society that majors on the autonomy of man and the sovereignty of civil

government, the subject of the absolute sovereignty of God often raises the ire of those who are confronted with such a message. But Pastor John Weaver is undaunted by this. He courageously deals with the subject of **The Sovereignty of God and Civil Government** in a scholarly but understandable way and shows how a right view of God's sovereignty will enable us to rightly define the nature and boundaries of civil government and restore God's blessing to the nation. He shows further that civil government, as with individuals, is accountable to God and subject to His sovereign rule. He also shows that a correct understanding of the absolute sovereignty of God does not negate man's responsibility of obedience but serves rather as the controlling influence on our character and conduct. Most importantly, this book is saturated with and rightly divides God's Word; it honors God as the absolute sovereign; and it exalts the Lord Jesus Christ.

This book is a blessing from the Lord in these days of religious humanism and easy-believism. It will enlighten those who have little or no knowledge of the truth of God's absolute sovereignty. It will likewise be a blessing and encouragement to all who hunger for truth and

**seek to know and understand their responsibilities in light of God's sovereignty and His orderly way for civil government.**

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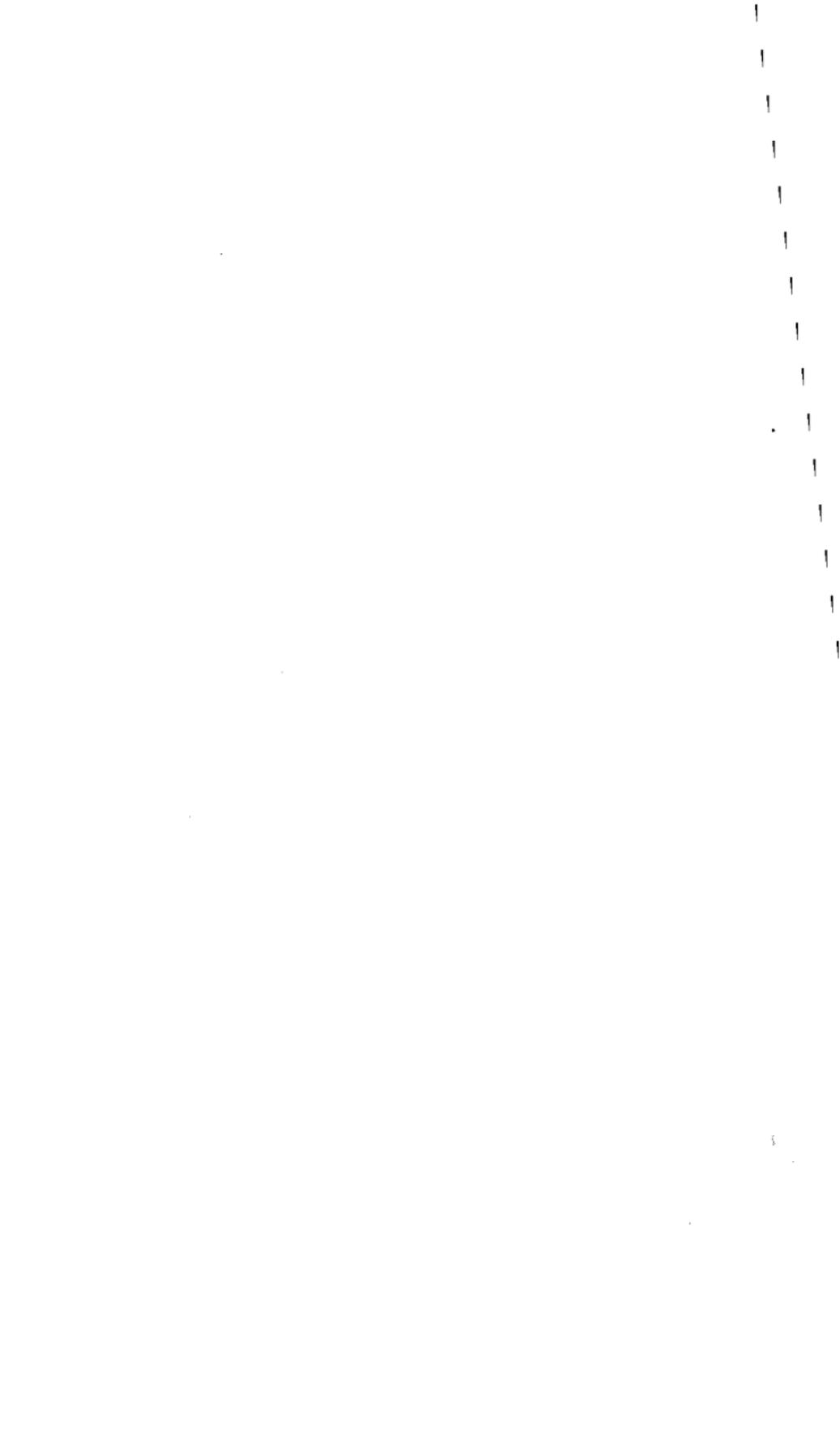
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## **Chapter 1**

### **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

**“I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee” (Job 42:2).**

**Psalm 11:3 asks a monumental question: “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Through the years, the grandest and most glorious of foundations has been slowly eroded with disastrous results. That foundation is the absolute sovereignty of God. The truth is that there can be only one sovereign, one absolute, and one ultimate; and that One is the true and living God, the Lord Jesus Christ. The evidence that we have lost our grasp of this foundational doctrine is manifest in our actions. Our concept of God has a controlling influence on our character and our conduct. When we believe wrongly about God, it will produce evil and wicked actions in our**