

“YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL”

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Isaiah 46:9-13

“Your God is altogether too human,” wrote Luther to the famous Renaissance humanist scholar Erasmus. I feel certain the great Dutch scholar was greatly offended at such an accusation, but history and a casual investigation of Scripture reveal the accusation to be true. In our day, J.B. Phillips has hurled the same accusation at humankind in the title of his book *Your God is Too Small*. (D. James Kennedy)

What does it mean for God to be sovereign?

PP—Isaiah 46:9

I. GOD RULES OVER HIS ENTIRE CREATION!

- A. Any consideration of a deity that is real must be dismissed and rejected. Jehovah God does not share one part of His rule in the universe with any other deity.
- B. The devil does have power but his power is not equal with God’s power. Some teachers will tell you there is a good god and an evil god in the Bible. Such a notion would imply dualism.
- C. We don’t need to fear the devil if we have our faith in God. We don’t need to be tempted by the devil if we surrender our life to God.

II. GOD REIGNS OVER THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE!

PP—Isaiah 46:10,11

- A. Only a sovereign God can announce the end from the beginning.
- B. How then does free will work into God’s plan? Man is free. Man has a free will. Man is free to choose. Free to do as he wants. Not free to do as he ought.
- C. “Perhaps a homely illustration might help us to understand. An ocean liner leaves New York bound for Liverpool. Its destination has been determined by proper authorities. Nothing can change it. This is at least a faint picture of sovereignty.” A.W. Tozer

III. GOD’S REGIME BRINGS SALVATION BY GRACE!

PP—Isaiah 46:12,13

- A. Salvation never depends on man. It is always the work of God and the Gift of God.
- B. God’s salvation is available to every man. But only through Jesus Christ.
- C. Will He save you? God is sovereign. God is not willing that any would perish.