Our Sovereign God
Acts 23:11-35

Main Point:
God works out His perfect plan for you in astonishing ways; therefore, stand in awe of Him, as you trust His providence.

1. God has a sovereign and perfect plan for you.

2. He accomplishes this plan through the actions of your enemies.

3. He also accomplishes this plan in ways that are unthought of.

4. Stand in awe of your God, as you trust His providence.

Daniel 4:35 35 All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?" (NKJV)

Isaiah 46:9b-10 9 … For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, "My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' (NKJV)

Psalm 139:16 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. (NKJV)

Job 42:2 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. (ESV)

Derek Thomas "God is the orchestrator of circumstances and is able to compose a symphony to his praise from the most distressing conditions."

Genesis 50:20 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. (NKJV)

Acts 2:23 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death (NKJV)

Psalm 33:10-11 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas "As it was, God stepped into the situation in a manner that could not have been predicted. Suddenly, we learn that Paul has family in Jerusalem - a sister and a nephew!"

Derek Thomas "In ways that we would not have thought, God steps in to ensure that his purpose for his servant will be accomplished no matter what rage his enemies may reveal."

Romans 11:33 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! (NASB)

Psalm 33:8 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. (NKJV)

David Murray "Many of our problems happen not only because we do the wrong things, but also because we believe the wrong things. Behind many seemingly practical problems are theological problems."

Romans 5:8 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NKJV)