International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, October 2024

Week Five

Day 1 and Day 2

Outline

Roman number 1.

It is crucial that we see a vision of God's sovereignty.

Capital A.

Sovereignty refers to God's unlimited authority, power, and position.

Number 1.

As the sovereign One, God is above everything, behind everything, and in everything.

Number 2.

God has the full capacity to carry out what He wants according to the desire of His

heart and according to His eternal economy.

Capital B.

Romans 9 19 to 23 refers to God's sovereignty.

Number1.

For who withstands His will? But rather, O man, who are you who answer back to God? Shall the thing molded say to him who molded it, Why did you make me thus?

Small a.

We need to realize who we are: we are God's creatures, and He is our Creator.

Small b.

As His creatures, we should not resist His purpose or answer back to Him, the Creator.

Number 2.

Does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

Small a.

God is the Potter, and we are the clay in His hand; God, the Potter, is sovereign.

Small b.

As the Potter, our God has the absolute right over us; regarding us, He has the right to do whatever He desires.

Small c.

If God wills, He can make one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor.

Number 3.

Romans 9 21 to 23 reveals that God sovereignly created us to be His containers, according to His predestination.

Small a.

It is of God's sovereignty that He, the Potter, makes the riches of His glory known by creating vessels of mercy to contain Himself.

Small b.

Being vessels unto honor is not the result of our choice; it originates with God's sovereignty.

Small c.

God's sovereignty is the basis of His selection; His selection depends on His sovereignty.

Number 4.

In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory.

Small a.

In His sovereignty God has the authority to make the ones He has selected and called vessels of mercy to contain Him in order that His glory might be manifested.

Small b.

According to His sovereign authority, He has prepared us unto glory.

This is the end of today’s outline.