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# Sovereignty of God

Isaiah 46:9-11 Remember former things from forever; for I *am* God, and no other *is* God, even none like Me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from the past things which were not done, saying, My purpose shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure; 11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my purpose from a far country. Yes, I have spoken, I will also cause it to come; I have formed; yes, I will do it.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not purposing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Luke 13:4-5 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were sinners above all men who lived in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

# God created

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**John 1:3-4** All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one *thing* came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Philippians 2:13** For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure.

**Isaiah 55:7-9** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to Jehovah, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 8 For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways, says Jehovah. 9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.



## **Actions inside the park**

Acts 12:1-2 And at that time Herod the king threw on *his* hands to oppress some of those of the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

Herod the king oppresses the church.  
This is now political persecution.

## Pleasing the Jews

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Herod was not interested in Judaism or those now called Christians.

## Gods intervention

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How well do you sleep?

# Peace

Mark 4:36-39 And when they had sent away the crowd, they took Him with them as He was in the boat. And there were also other little boats with Him. 37 And there arose a windstorm, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was now full. 38 And He was in the stern of the boat, asleep on a headrest. And they awakened Him and said to Him, Master, do You not care that we perish? 39 And He awakened and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

You know the old saying kicked out of bed?

## How comfortable are you?

Put your shoes and coat on.

Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, my brothers, be strong in *the* Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the world's rulers, of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. 13 Therefore take to yourselves the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness 15 and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. 16 Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in *the* Spirit, and watching to this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

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