

Do We Need to “Make Room for the Sovereignty of God”?

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It is only partially true that we need to “make room for the sovereignty of God.” When it comes to His will for each of our lives, of course, we want His sovereign will. He knows us best and He knows what is best for each of us.

But when it comes to the things He has already promised to do—those things ***are already*** His sovereign will (1 Cor. 2:12), so we ask Him boldly. It *is* His sovereign will to save anyone who believes. It *is* His sovereign will to give us what we ask according to His will. It *is* His sovereign will to heal. Again, we need to educate ourselves about the things He freely gives us and pray for those things with complete confidence. We don’t need to “make room” for His sovereignty when we already know what His sovereign will is (1 Jn. 5:14).

Perhaps a few use the above statement, not because they want to make room for the sovereignty of God, but to save face if their prayers are “not answered.” God knows each heart. Let us instead know His sovereign will and ask Him for that confidently believing He will do it.

God doesn’t need for us to give Him a way out of keeping His promises.