

## Chapter 2

# Anxious For Nothing

Rejoice In The Lord's  
Sovereignty



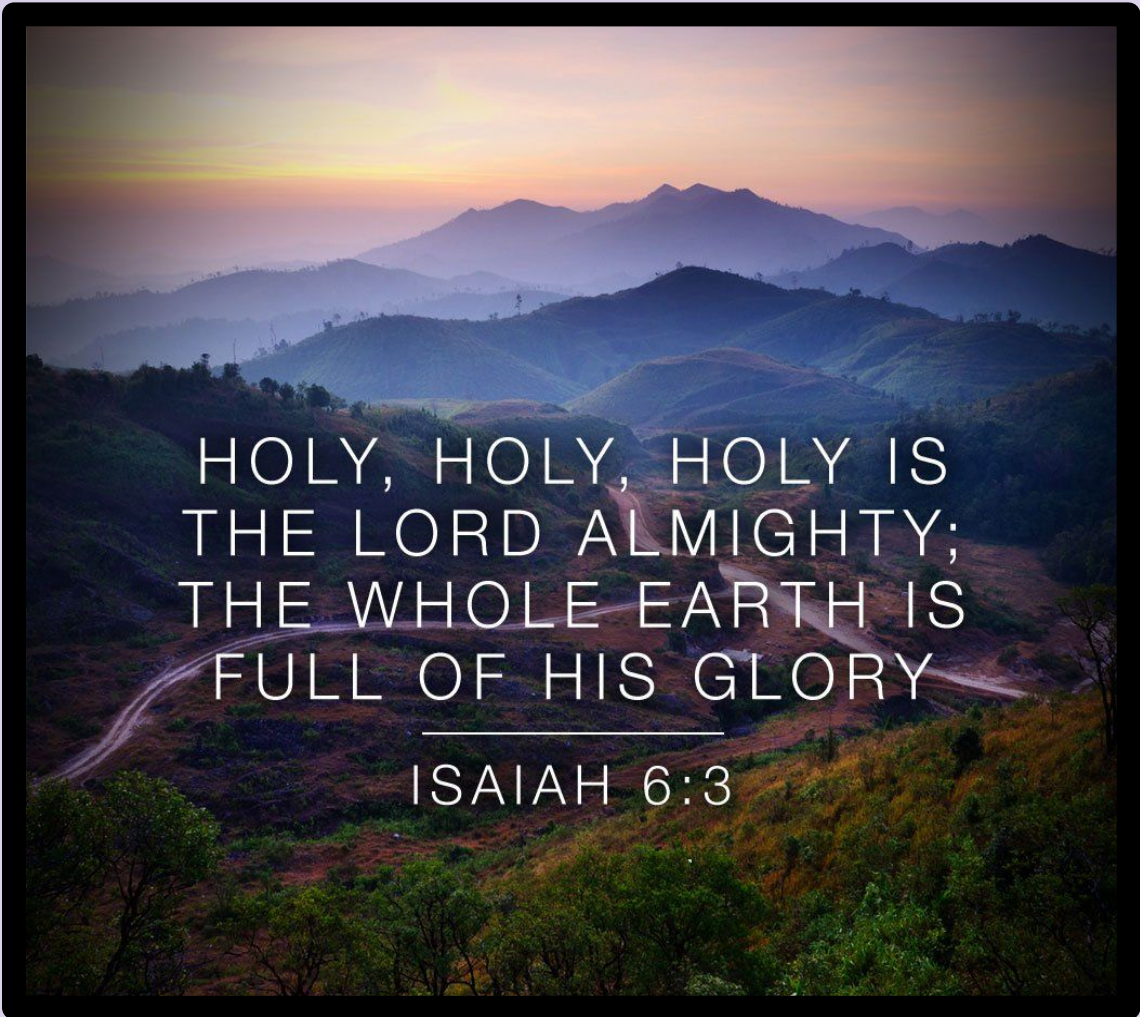
*Rejoice  
in the Lord always.  
I will say it again:  
Rejoice!*

*- Philippians 4:4*

**How would you define God's sovereignty?**

**What do you think rejoicing in the Lord's sovereignty means?**

**Our soul finds  
peace and praise  
knowing God  
reigns Supreme  
over His creation  
and every detail  
of the universe.**



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS  
THE LORD ALMIGHTY;  
THE WHOLE EARTH IS  
FULL OF HIS GLORY

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ISAIAH 6:3

**We find assurance in the  
permanence of God's  
sovereignty.**

**I KNOW THAT EVERYTHING  
GOD DOES WILL LAST FOREVER.**

**ECCLESIASTES 3:14**



**We find trust in the refuge  
and power of God's  
sovereignty.**



**MY HELP COMES  
FROM THE LORD,  
THE MAKER OF  
HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

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PSALMS 121:2



**So what do you  
think God's purpose  
(intentions) may be  
based on His Word?**

"I am God and there is no other. I am  
God and there is none like me, declaring  
the end from the beginning, and from  
ancient times things not yet done, saying,  
'My counsel shall stand that I will  
accomplish all my purpose'"

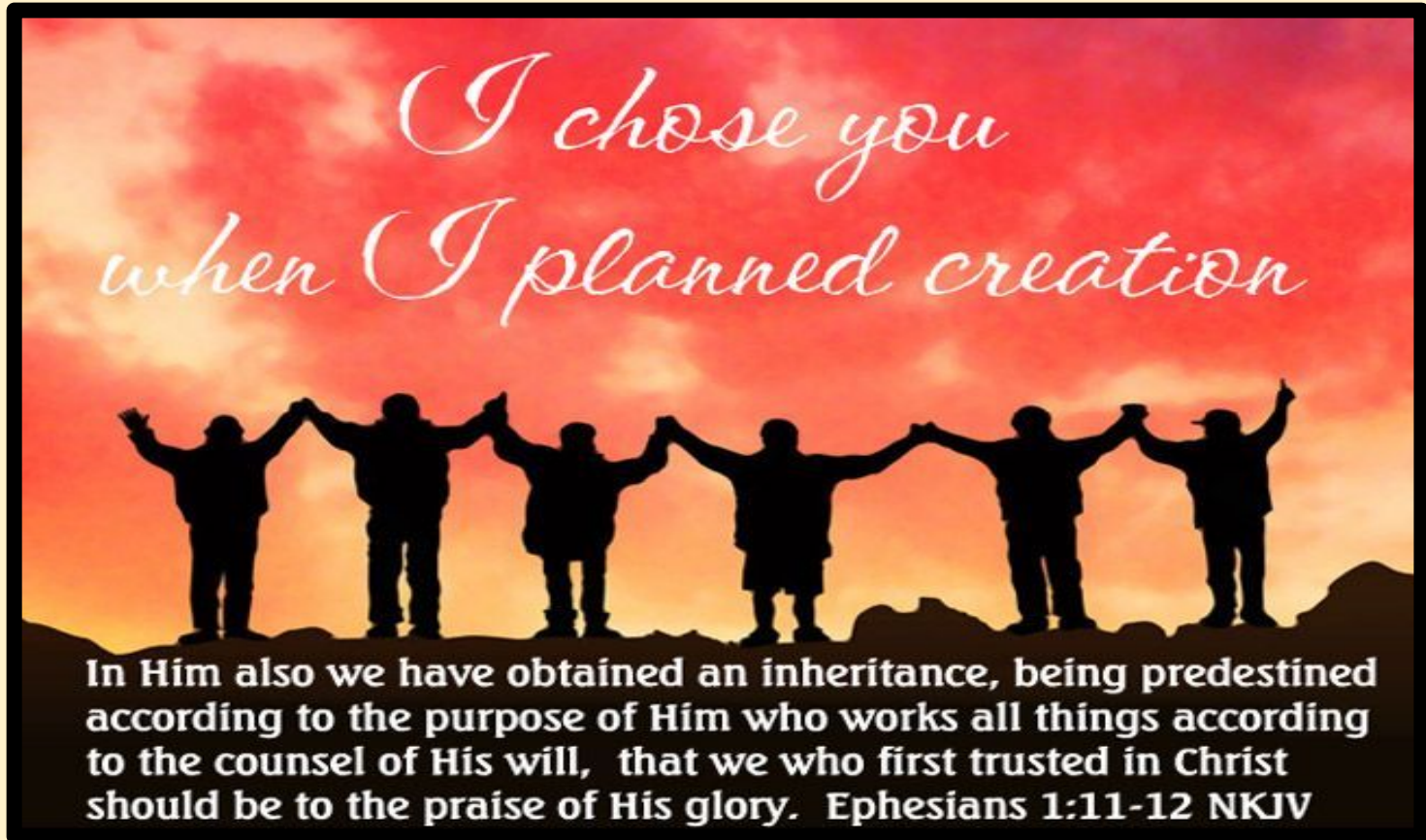
Isaiah 46:9-10,



*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and  
only Son, that whoever  
believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.*

*- John 3:16 -*

**Sovereignty is God's perfect control and governing of everything.**





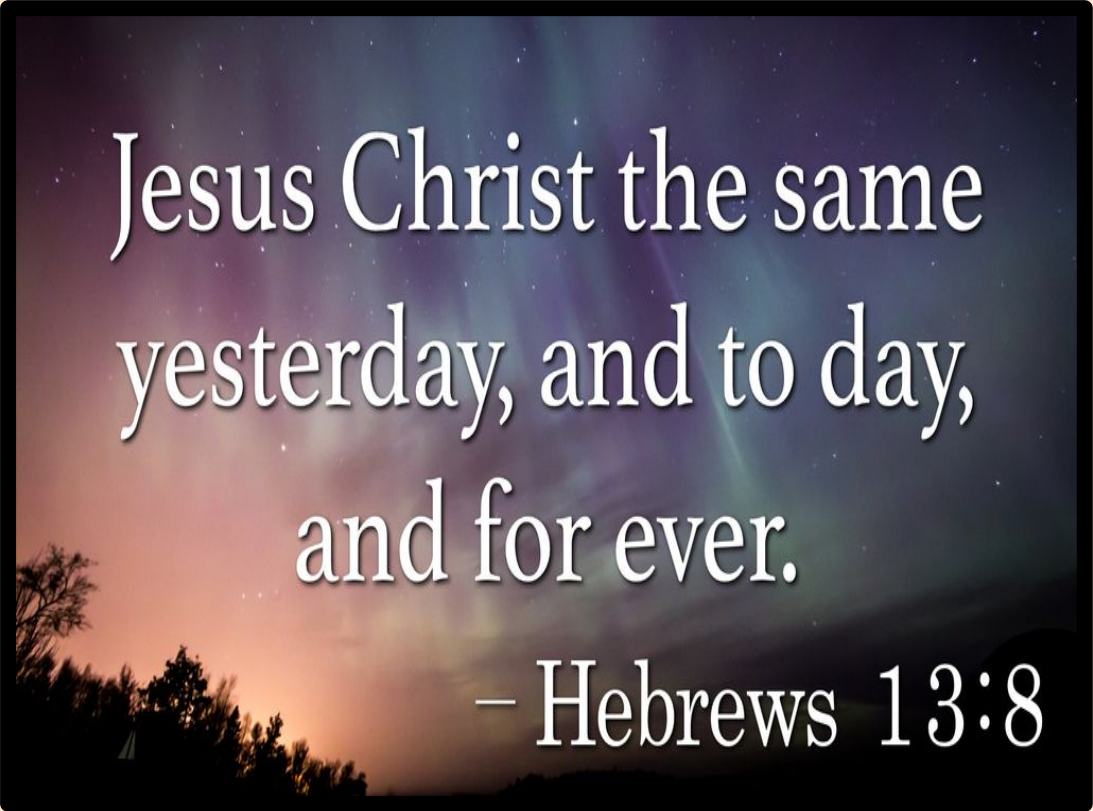
He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

**2 Timothy 1:9**



For by Him all things were  
created that are in heaven  
and that are on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or  
dominions or  
principalities or powers.  
All things were created  
through Him and for Him.  
And He is before all things,  
and in Him all things  
consist.

Colossians 1:16-17 NKJV




Jesus Christ the same  
yesterday, and to day,  
and for ever.

– Hebrews 13:8



**"BUT YOU ARE  
ALWAYS THE SAME;  
YOU WILL LIVE  
*forever.*"**  
—PSALM 102:27

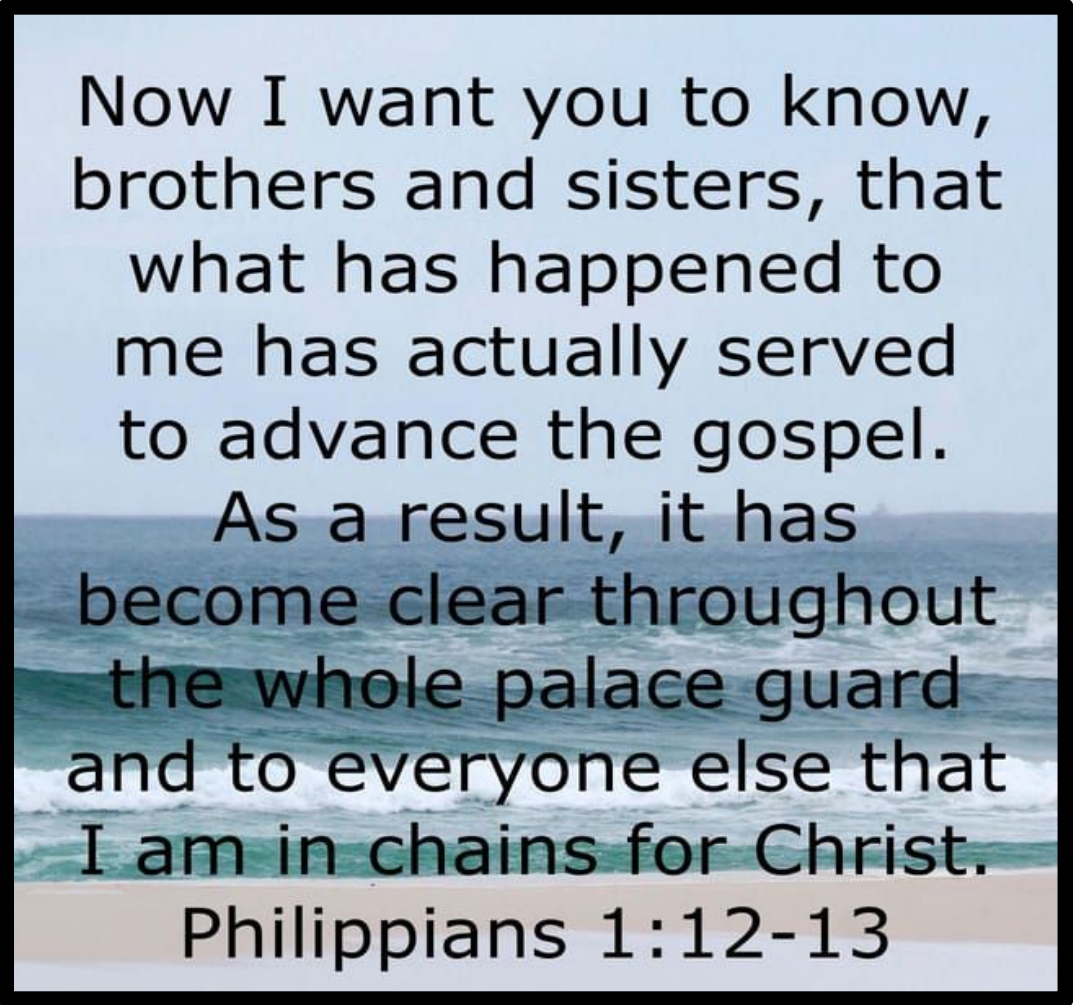




JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID,  
"WITH MAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE,  
BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE  
POSSIBLE."

MATTHEW 19:26





Now I want you to know,  
brothers and sisters, that  
what has happened to  
me has actually served  
to advance the gospel.

As a result, it has  
become clear throughout  
the whole palace guard  
and to everyone else that  
I am in chains for Christ.

Philippians 1:12-13

## **Paul's Example**

**How does trusting in  
God's sovereignty  
affect the way that  
you perceive and live  
life's trials?**

# Citations Of His Sufferings For The Gospel

2 Corinthians 11:23-28

■ Paul could recite 23 kinds of things he had suffered for the gospel he preached: (vs.23-28)

- a. Labors; b. stripes; c. prisons;
- d. (in danger of) deaths; e. scourging;
- f. beatings with rods; g. stonings; h. shipwreck;
- i. journeys; j. perils of waters; k. perils of robbers;
- l. perils from Jews; m. perils from Gentiles;
- n. perils in the city; o. perils in the wilderness;

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness."  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my  
weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

**2 Corinthians 12:9**





HOW CAN WE LEARN TO TRUST GOD

*like the prophet Habakkuk?*

HABAKKUK 3:17-19







He will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away  
the tears from all faces; he will  
remove the disgrace of his people  
from all the earth. The LORD has  
spoken. In that day they will say,  
"Surely this is our God; we trusted in  
him, and he saved us. This is the  
LORD, we trusted in him; let us  
rejoice and be glad in his salvation."  
Isaiah 25:8–9