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## **BIBLE STUDY NOTES**

*The Sanctification of Prayer recognizes circumstances and conditions as the influential means by which God inspires our petitions to accomplish His Purpose when we pray.*

*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*

~ Genesis 50:20 ~

**Influence** appeals to the mind, formulating thoughts that shape concepts and conclusions for resolving realities that impact our lives. In relationship to God, Influence is the honorable means by which God affects the heart, rendering it open to making choices based on His preventive and permissive use of one's experience with people, events, circumstances, and/or conditions.

**Circumstances** are housed in the scenarios of life that find us in one of two states: We are either in an enabled state or in a disabled state of changing or controlling the outcome of that which enters the arena of our lives. Circumstances, whether known or unknown by us, are disclosed in ways that appeal to our limited awareness and do not always guarantee our ability to change or control their outcome. They set the stage for conditions that may or may not yield the outcome of our choosing. Whatever the circumstances may be, we can be certain that the nature and purpose of the outcome will always be good.

Joseph references the circumstances surrounding his brothers who sold him into slavery in **Genesis 45:5** by saying, *"Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life."*

This is a testament to the Power of former circumstances unbeknownst to Joseph's brothers that were addressing future conditions that would serve the Purpose of Preserving Life. (**Romans 8:28**)

**Conditions** are the outcome of circumstances that are providentially orchestrated under God's Sovereign Authority. The order of their disclosure takes place through Seasons directed by Time that are destined to fulfill God's purpose assigned to our lives.

Do YOU believe God employs Circumstances and Conditions to influence our Petitions? (Yes or No)

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Why does God use Circumstances and Conditions to influence our petitions of Him?

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To what end do YOU believe God uses Circumstances and Conditions to influence our petitions?

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### Defining the Sovereignty of God

The Sovereignty of God discloses to us His unconditional Love for us as our Father. His unconditional Love for us is not determined by our choices and actions. Everything about us is permissively and preventively sanctioned by His unconditional Love.

Do YOU believe the above is True? What are the implications?

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The Sovereignty of God discloses to us His Omnipotent Authority, which governs and guides the universal scope of circumstances and conditions with Omniscient Awareness and Omnipresent Attendance.

Do YOU believe the above is True? What are the implications?

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The Sovereignty of God settles the consequential course of every thought, choice, word, and deed on earth without compromising what He purposely destined from Eternity.

Do YOU believe the above is True? What are the implications?

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The Sovereignty of God assures there is nothing He will ever permit or prevent to sabotage what He has perfectly planned and purposed for our lives.

Do YOU believe the above is True? What are the implications?

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The Sovereignty of God settles the outcome of ALL things pertaining to one's life before experiences take shape.

Do YOU believe the above is True? What are the implications?

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Therefore, God's Sovereignty directs why, how, when, and to what extent believers petition God when they pray.

Do YOU believe the above is True? What are the implications?

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