

Under God

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, *under God*, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (Wording for 1954 to the present)

Question: What does it look like for a *nation* to be “under God?”

- Are we?

Question: What does it look like for *you* and for *me* to be “under God?”

- Are we?

First: As a sovereign Being God has *absolute authority* over our lives. Luke 7:1-10

Second: Living under a sovereign God mandates *obedience* and *trust*. Psalm 77:11-20

Life change point: God is a sovereign Being Who is righteous...therefore *absolute obedience is expected*.

- God is absolutely serious about obedience!

Life change point: God is a sovereign Being Who is compassionate...therefore *calm dependence is appropriate*.

- There is absolutely nothing that causes God to wring His hands!

The Essence: If God really is absolutely sovereign then...

Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

Core Truth: Living well under a sovereign God...demands absolute obedience and calm dependence.

- **Today.** Do you live in conscious connection with the reality that God is absolutely sovereign over your life?
- **Monday.** Please read Luke 7:1-10. How does this passage convey the concept of sovereignty? What are the applications for you of “being under the authority” of God?
- **Tuesday.** Please read John 14:15. How does this verse add to the understanding of living under the sovereign authority of God? What are the applications for you personally?
- **Wednesday.** Please read Psalm 77:11-20. What troubles did the psalmist refer to in this passage? What are the four major world troubles right now? What are your four major personal troubles right now?
- **Thursday.** Please read Psalm 77:11-20. What did God do for the people of Israel in the midst of their troubles? What might He be willing to do for you? Please confess to Him any anxiety you are feeling right now. Please ask Him for the specific help you need right now.
- **Friday.** Please read Psalm 77:11-20. What did the psalmist do to get in connection with the work of God on his behalf and the shepherding relationship with God? How would that activity work for you?
- **Saturday.** Please read Psalm 77:11-20. What are the elements of the shepherding relationship that God had with the psalmist and that He has with you? What are the implications for your life?

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