



DECISIONS & DOMINION

Lesson Theme

God sovereignly rules all creation in perfect wisdom; therefore, believers must trust His providence, obey His word, and live for His glory.

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I. A **Description** of God's Sovereignty

“Sovereignty means the supremacy of God, the kingship of God, the godhood of God... To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Most High, doing according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of all the earth, so that none can stay His hand or say unto Him what doest Thou?”

A.W.Pink, “*The Sovereignty of God*”

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I. A Description of Sovereignty

II. A **Demonstration** of Sovereignty in the Scriptures

A. Old Testament

- God's Sovereignty in **Distress** - Genesis 50:18-21
- God's Sovereignty in **Compassion & Grace** - Exodus 33:19
- God's Sovereignty in **Prayer and Illness** – 2 Kings 20:1-6
- God's Sovereignty over **Rulers** - Daniel 4:24-26
- God's Sovereignty is **Worthy of Worship** - Psalm 103:19-22; 145:13

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B. Sovereignty Acknowledged in the Scriptures

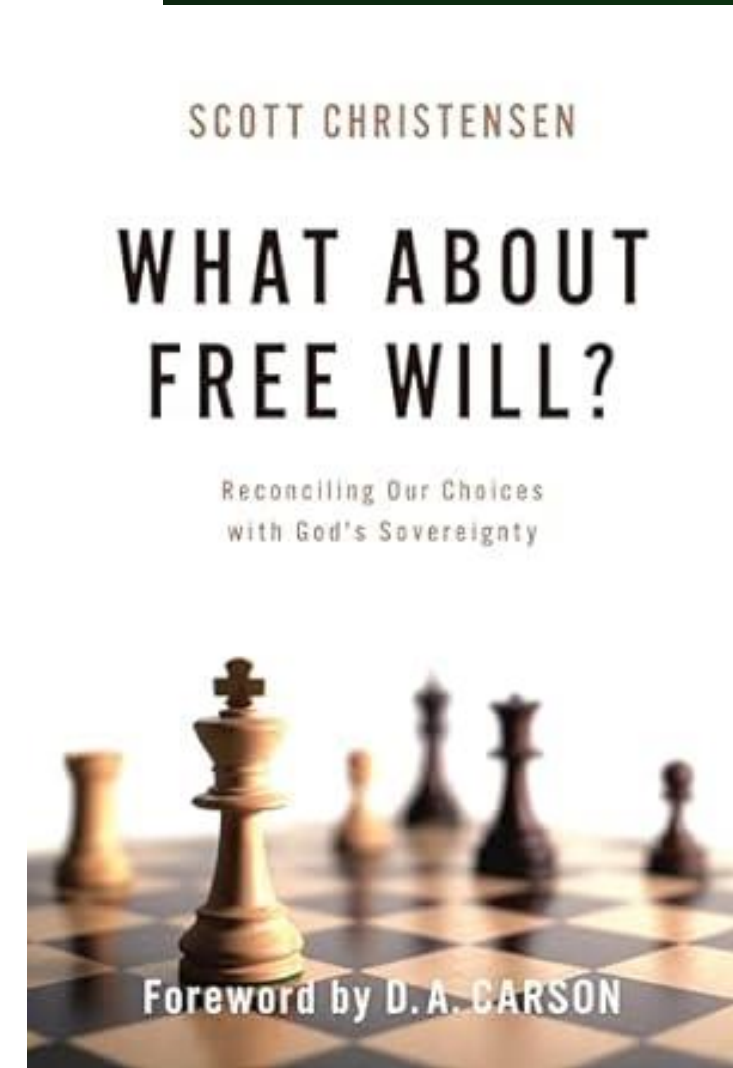
1. Old Testament

2. New Testament

- God's Sovereignty in His Authority - Matthew 10:1,28-31
- God's Sovereignty is His Alone - Paul in 1 Timothy 6:15-16a

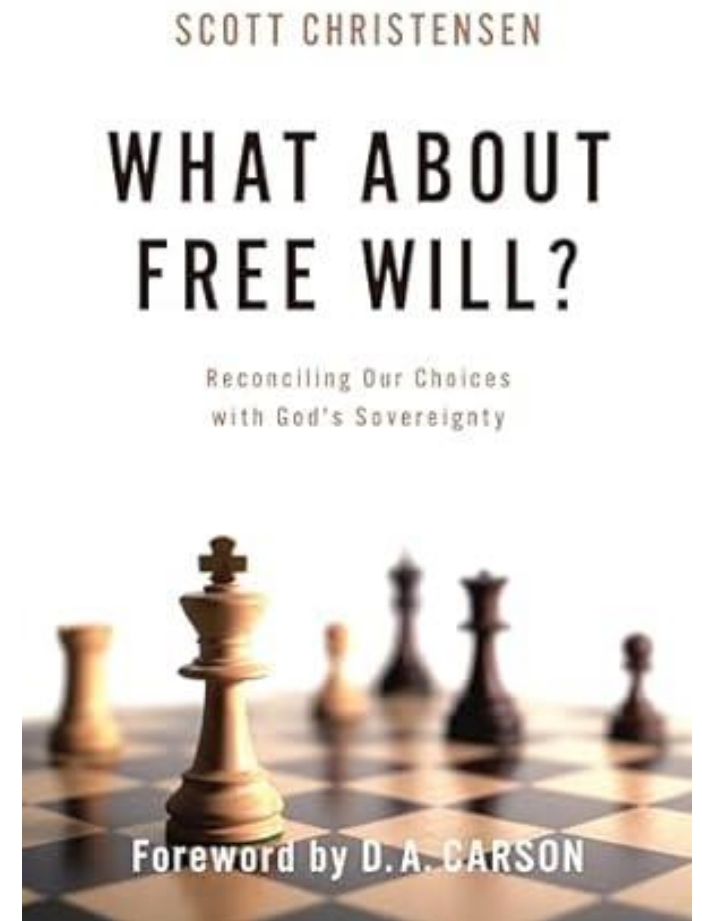
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- I. A Description of God's Sovereignty in the Scriptures
- II. A Demonstration of God's Sovereignty in the Scriptures
- III. A **Doctrinal Defense** of God's Sovereignty & Human Responsibility

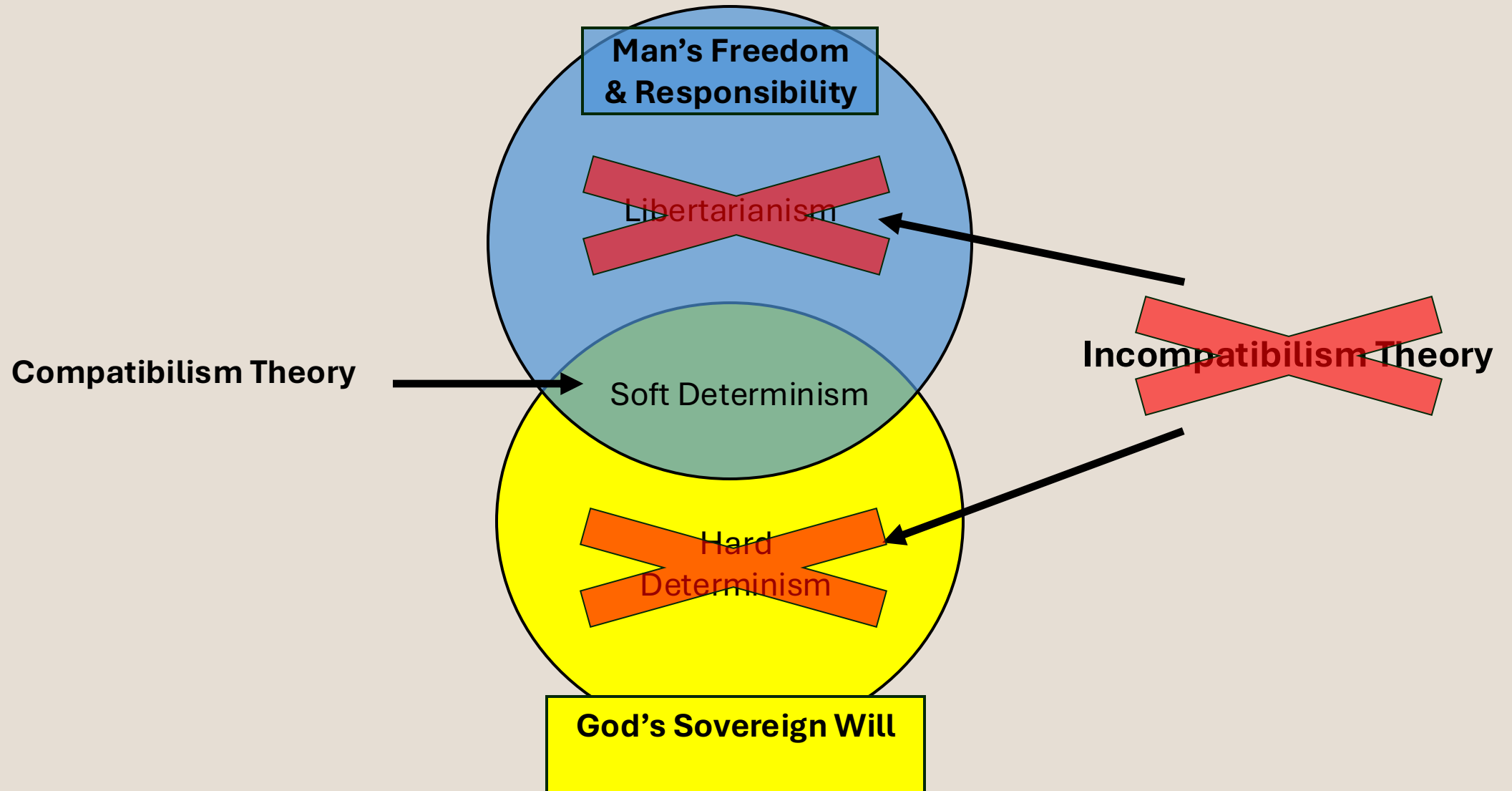


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- ***Free Will*** – The idea that humans are designed by God with the capacity for freely making choices for which they are responsible.
- ***Determinism*** – The idea that all events and human choices are necessarily and causally determined by prior conditions. Thus, given specific prior conditions, only one outcome could possibly take place.



Sovereignty of God & Man's Free Will



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III. A Doctrinal Defense of God's Sovereignty & Human Free Responsibility

A. Free Will

B. Determinism

C. Incompatibilism Theory

D. Compatibilism Theory

E. Salvation

- **Prevenient Grace** - The belief that God gives grace to unbelievers which free's them from the penalty of sin, but the unbeliever can choose to cooperate with or resist God's salvific grace. This belief is often associated with Arminianism.

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E. Salvation

- Prevenient Grace
- **Irresistible Grace**
 - Ephesians 2:1-9
 - Romans 8:5-8
 - John 15:5
 - Matthew 11:27
 - 2 Timothy 1:8b-9

Application...

1. **Trust the Lord** and keep your life according to His will, not your own.
2. **Praise the Lord** because He reigns over all that is evil and good in this world.
3. **Pray to the Lord** to help your belief and to have contentment in His divine plans for your life.

Small Group Questions

- What moments of your life do you find it most difficult to trust in God's sovereignty?
- How does knowing that God is sovereign change the way you make big life decisions (career, marriage, moving, etc.)?
- How can this doctrine bring comfort when you're going through difficulty or uncertainty?
- Share of a time where something went differently than you planned but ended up showing God's wisdom.