

SOVEREIGNTY, SUFFERING, AND SYMPATHY

SOVEREIGNTY BEHIND THE SCENES

I. Job's Character

- A. Narrator's description of Job (1:1)
- B. Job's blessings (1:2-3)
- C. Job's love (1:5)
- D. God's description of Job (1:8, 2:3)

II. Key Terms

- A. God's Decrees (WSC #7)
- B. God's Decree / Plan (WCF 3.1; RP Testimony 3.1-2)

III. Principle #1: Much of God's Plan is Unknown to Us

- A. Partial knowledge (Deuteronomy 29:29; WLC Q. 6)
- B. Job's suffering (cf. 1:20-22; 2:9-10)
- C. "the fringes of His ways" (26:14a)
- D. Examples (Daniel 3:16-18; James 4:13-15)

IV. Satan's Allegations (1:9-11; 2:4-5)

- A. Job's reason for fearing God (1:9-10; 2:4)
- B. Job's reason for cursing God (1:11; 2:5)