God's Sovereignty

God's kingdom is an everlasting one….

…God's dominion is an everlasting dominion

1. A humiliating dream about a tree

Reaching up/coming down from heaven

God will humble the great Nebuchadnezzar

A dramatic intervention – *Even as the words were on his lips v31*

Nebuchadnezzar wants everyone to know how God humiliated him, so they can be wise.

2. But God is the sovereign over the kingdoms of men

God's sovereignty is a comfort, really, are you sure???

What's so great about free will anyway? Gen 6; Ps 14, 52; Jer 17; Mark 7; Rom 1, 3, 7

Am I really free from God?

God is in charge during evil and suffering – but he is not responsible for it

See God's sovereignty worked out at the cross.

3. Some applications of God's sovereignty

Be reasonable and repent - even Nebuchadnezzar can be forgiven and restored by God

Be comforted - God will outlast the leaders we fear

Don't be passive – God's sovereignty is not an excuse for us to be passive or inactive

Don't conform – we submit to earthly rulers but only until if they ask us to sin

Don't confuse God's timing with ours – He is eternal and we are not