

God is sovereign - two poems, "heaven" x 14, three slogans v17, 25, 34

1. A humiliating dream about a tree

Reaching up/coming down from heaven

God will humble the great Nebuchadnezzar

A dramatic intervention – while the words were still in the king's mouth, v31

2. God rules over the kingdoms of men

God's sovereignty...a comfort (?).

Human free will – we are not autonomous from God

God is in charge of evil and suffering – but he is not responsible/author of evil and suffering

Example - God's sovereignty worked out at the Cross.

3. Some application from God's sovereignty

Humble yourself and repent – even Nebuchadnezzar can be forgiven and restored by God.

Be comforted - God will outlast the leaders we fear

Don't be passive – Sovereignty is not an excuse for Christian passivity or Christian inactivity

Don't conform – submission to rulers still means "obeying God not man"

Don't confuse God's timing with ours – He is eternal