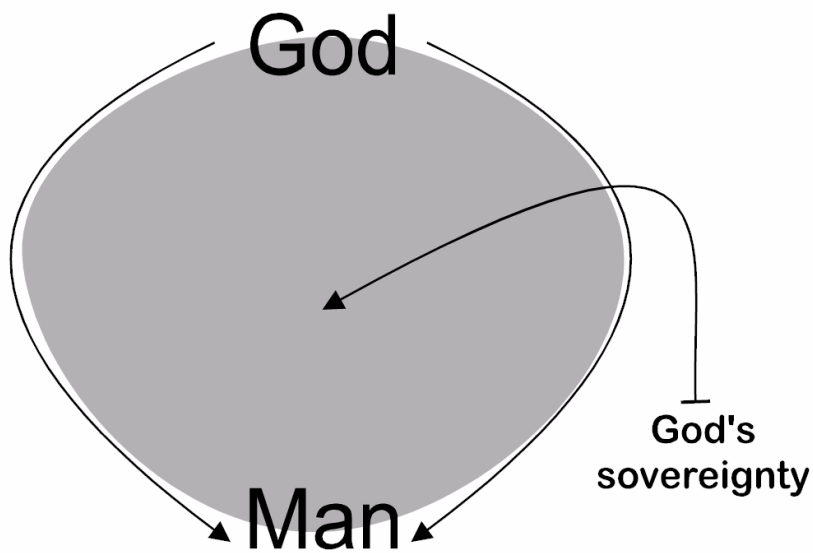


The debate between about whether a person can freely choose when his/her eternal destiny is foreordained was, and is, a “hot issue.”

It was, and is, of course a bogus issue. The debate has been focused on the wrong resolution—“Resolved that the sovereignty of God is stronger than the sovereignty of mankind,” which is a rather useless debate, assuming both parties agree that God is God. Or, sometimes the question debated is—“Which is stronger? God’s sovereignty or mankind’s freedom to choose?” The better question is—“Where does mankind have freedom to choose, and where does mankind not have the freedom to choose?” Mankind only has freedom of choice within God’s sovereignty. The drawing above illustrates this construct.



Human beings, in other words, can only choose within the constraints of God’s sovereignty; we can not choose, freely or otherwise, beyond the constraints/parameters/boundaries of God’s will.

Or, consider God’s sovereignty as a train moving toward an eventual destination—the satisfaction of His purposes. We can move from car to car on this train, but we can not change the direction of His train.

