

God's Sovereignty Is Man's Free Choice

The Command To Be Free

A **Mechanic** and an **Artist**, both Christians, were discussing what the Kingdom of God meant to each.

The Mechanic said,

*"God makes everything happen,
both good and bad.
He pushes the buttons,
turns the screws,
puts the 'pedal to the metal'.
Like it says in the Bible,
"And the LORD God commanded the man; ..."
(See Genesis 2:16a)*

The Artist, with a look of surprise replied,

*"No, no! God gives each creature the freedom to
choose what they want to do,
like it says in the Bible,
"...you are free to eat from any tree in the garden"
(See Genesis 2:16b)*

A Janitor standing nearby, also a Believer, overheard this exchange and thought to himself,

*"Hmm, this reminds me of a relationship I once had with a Girl.
I knew exactly what I wanted but
I could never figure out what She wanted.
Maybe I should have asked Her."*

The **Spirit** in each of them began to whisper in their hearts.

*"Give preference to your brother's viewpoint.
Listen to what he says.
Then try to serve him in a way that he will appreciate and enjoy.
For it is written that "Love is..."
(see First Corinthians 13)*

At just that moment a Prophet happened by and began to Prophecy to the three of them saying,

*"The Mystery of the Kingdom of God is made known in the Living,
rather than in the talking.
As it is written,
"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life".*

(The editor wrote, "Yeah, I agree, 'cause 'talk is cheap' and lunch is five bucks".)