



### Wrong teaching about God's sovereign will

- I must determine God's sovereign will at all costs, like looking for a needle in a haystack
- I need to understand all aspects of God's sovereign will
- I can use God's sovereign will to justify my actions




### Luke 2:1-2

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.  
(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

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### Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

### Luke 2:3-5

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### Acts 2:22-24

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:  
 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:  
 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

## Biblical decision making

- We are to follow God's moral will i.e. Bible
- We are to wisely make plans & decisions
- We are to recognize that God in His sovereign will may either allow or disallow our plans or decisions.
- We will only know His sovereign will when it happens. Submit to it!

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## Luke 2:6-7

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

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Christmas  
EVENING  
of  
Praise

For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given;  
and the government shall be  
upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The Mighty God,  
The Everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace  
Isaiah 9:6

6pm • 24 • 12 • 2017 • Sunday  
PPCC Sanctuary  
(Dinner will be served after the service)

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