## 上帝如是说 -1 GOD TALK -1

- Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- We are always delighted to bring you a new series of messages; 很高兴今天能够开始一个新的系列信息;
- and, today, we're going to bring you a new series entitled, "God Talk", 这个新的系列,就叫做"上帝如是说"。
- or, we can call it, "What Does God Think About Himself?" 或者, "神如何看待祂自己?"
- Throughout history, there were all kinds of people who presumed to speak for God. 纵观历史,很多人都认为他们是在为神说 话。
- Some even claimed to be God. 甚至有人干脆宣称自己是神。
- but let me ask you this: 可是,我要问你:
- 8. how do you truly get to know someone? 你怎样才能真正认识一个人呢?
- By listening to what that person says about himself or herself.
   当然要听这个人是怎样介绍他自己的。
- 10. Right? 对不对?
- People know you by what you say about yourself; 别人认识你是基于你如何看待自己;
- 12. and this rule applies, particularly, to God. 同样,想要认识神,也不例外。
- It is not what I say about God. It is not what you say about God.
   不是听你如何谈论上帝,也不是听我怎么介 绍祂。
- All we need to know about God is what God says about Himself; 而是由神亲自来介绍祂自己;

- 15. and that is why I am doing this series of messages entitled, "What Does God Say About Himself".
  这就是为什么我们要讲"神如何介绍祂自 己"这个系列的原因。
- God tells us lots of things about Himself. 神告诉我们许多有关祂自己的事情。
- 17. We call these the "attributes" of God. 我们称之为神的"属性"。
- 18. Let me give you an example. 比如说,
- We talk about God's wisdom, God's truthfulness, God's mercy, God's grace, God's love, God's wrath, His goodness, His faithfulness, and on, and on, and on. 我们常提到神的智慧、真实、怜悯、恩典、 慈爱、愤怒、信实、良善等等一切的属性。
- These are some of God's attributes;
   这些都是神属性的一部分;
- but there's one thing that God says about Himself that controls all His attributes, 然而,上帝告诉我们,有一种属性决定了其 他一切的属性。
- 22. and that is His sovereignty. 那就是神的主权。
- His sovereignty controls all of His other attributes. 祂的主权决定了神的所有其他属性。
- 24. His absolute authority and rule over His creation is the axle around which all of His other attributes revolve.
  神其他的属性都围绕着神绝对主权这个属性,神掌管着世上一切的受造之物。
- Some of you may be asking, "Why is His sovereign control the key to all of His other attributes?"... 也许你会问:"为什么神的主权是神其他属性的中心呢?"
- 26. and that's a good question. 问得好。

- Most people agree that God is love, right?
   大多数人都认为,神就是爱,对不对?
- 28. Even unbelievers believe that God is love. 就连那些不信主的人也是这么想的。
- Well, if He is not absolutely sovereign, 但,如果神没有无上的主权,
- then, some circumstance could occur that would be outside of His control that could thwart His love. 如果有什么事情超越了神的主权,那么,神 的爱就可能被阻挠。
- If He were not absolutely sovereign, then His love would be conditional; 如果神没有无上的主权,祂的爱就会变成有 条件的;
- but the Scripture, from beginning to end, tells us that His love is unconditional. 然而,整本圣经都告诉我们,神的爱是无条 件的爱。
- The same thing is true with God's justice.
   同样,有关神的公义也是如此。
- If He did not have sovereign control over all things, 如果神没有主权掌管一切,
- His justice could be easily frustrated by Satan and wicked people, 神的公义就会轻而易举地被撒但或不法之人 所蹧蹋,
- and total injustice would rule supreme; 最终导致邪恶的势力占了上风;
- and what a terrible disaster that would be. 其后果将不堪设想。
- That is why we need to understand the sovereignty of God.
   所以,我们有必要来认识神的主权。
- A thorough understanding of the sovereignty of God will give meaning to all of the other attributes of God; 只有彻底领悟到神的主权,才能够明白神其 他的属性;
- 40. and that is why I'm beginning this series of messages with the sovereignty of God.
  因此,我以神的主权为题来展开这个新系列的讲座。

- 41. There is one verse that I have committed to memory early in my life and I hope that you will memorize it also.
  在我很小的时候,曾经背诵了一节经文,盼 望你也能够记住它:
- 42. It is found in Ephesians, Chapter 1, verse 11. 是在以弗所书第一章, 11 节,
- 43. It says, "God accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His will." 圣经说:"神随己意行作万事。"
- 44. What does that mean? 什么意思呢?
- It means that God's knowledge and power extend even to the smallest things in the universe.
   就是说,神的知识和能力要遍及宇宙的每一 个角落。
- It means that, when you brushed your hair this morning, 当你早上梳头时,
- 47. God said, "Hair number 2,555,000, come on out..."
  神说: 第两百五十五万五千根头发要掉下来,
- 48. and that single hair got caught in your brush. 就是这一根头发会落在你的梳子上。
- 49. It means that God's power and authority is above, beyond, beneath and all around.
   神的能力和主权是超越诸天、无处不在的。
- In all of this confusion that surrounds us, God's plan stands supreme. 虽然我们身边的世界混乱含糊,但神的计划 超越一切,坚定不移。
- 51. Why? 为什么呢?
- Because God accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His own will; 因为神随着祂自己的意思行作万事;
- 53. but someone may be saying, "You mean to say that we don't have free will?"
  也许有人问: "难道我们人没有自由意志了吗?"
- 54. Of course, we have free will; 当然有;
- 55. but our free will has no power to thwart God's sovereignty.可是,人的自由意志却不能妨碍神的主权。

- 56. Those who choose to reject God's offer of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ, 那些不接受神借着耶稣基督所赐饶恕之恩和 永生盼望的人,
- 57. they bring upon themselves a dark eternity. 他们是自取灭亡。
- Those who choose to live without God suffer the consequences.
   那些不要神管理他们生命的人,就会自食其 果。
- God respects our choices and this is part of His plan.
   神允许我们有选择的机会,这是祂计划中的一部分。
- 60. Why? 为什么呢?
- Because God accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His own will. 因为神随着祂自己的意思行作万事;
- 62. There is one thing you must know about the Creator of the universe.
  关于这位创造宇宙的主宰,有一点你必须要 清楚。
- He is the sovereign Ruler and King of His creation.
   那就是, 祂是所有受造物的统管者和君王。
- 64. Let me tell you about two false conclusions that many people reach about the sovereignty of God.

人们常常对神的主权有两种错觉。

- 65. On the one hand, some people deny the reality of God's supreme rule over all things.
  一方面,有些人否认神有超越一切的主权。
- 66. On the other hand, other people deny the perfect goodness of God in His governing authority.
   另外一些人则否认神主权的完美性。
- 67. They say, either, God is not in perfect control, or, His will is not perfectly good.
  他们或许认为,神管不了那么多,或许认为 神不是尽善尽美。
- Of course, these are two easy conclusions to come to when you see evil and suffering in the world; 如果你只定睛在今生的苦难和邪恶的话,自 然会得出这两种结论;

- 69. but they are both false conclusions. 可是,这两个结论都错了。
- 70. Why? 为什么呢?
- Because God accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His will.
   因为神随着祂自己的意思行作万事;
- 72. My listening friends, I want you to ask yourselves two questions.
   亲爱的朋友,请你扪心自问下面这两个问题:
- 73. Question number one: 第一个问题是:
- 74. is it okay to be baffled when you see God does things that you do not understand?
  当我们不明白神为什么要做某些事的时候,我们会感到困惑吗?
- 75. Yes, because, as human beings, we do not know the reason for everything that God does. 是的,人有局限性,我们不可能理解神做每 件事的理由。
- God is not accountable to us; 神不需要向我们交代;
- 77. and we have no right to demand that God explain everything to us.我们也无权要求神把一切都解释给我们听。
- 78. Listen to what He said to us in Isaiah 55:8 and 9.
  请听神在以赛亚书 55 章 8 到 9 节里所说的 话:
- 79. "My thoughts are not your thoughts."耶和华说:我的意念,非同你们的意念,
- 80. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My thoughts than yours."
   天怎样高过地,照样,我的意念,高过你们的意念。"
- Listen to what Moses said in Deuteronomy 29:29.
   摩西在申命记 29 章 29 节说:
- 82. "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which He revealed belongs to us that we may obey His law."
  "隐秘的事,是属耶和华我们神的;唯有明显的事,是永远属我们和我们子孙的,好叫

我们遵行这律法上的一切话。"

- 83. There are several things that the sovereign God revealed to us and wanted us to know about Himself;
  掌权的神,只对我们显明了祂自己的一部分;
- but He has not revealed everything. 神没有让我们知道祂的全部。
- 85. The second question is this: 第二个问题是:
- 86. does the sovereignty of God mean that we cannot know God intimately?
   神的威严和权能会不会使我们不能和祂保持 亲密的关系呢?
- 87. The answer is absolutely not; 绝非如此;
- 88. and that's what Christianity is all about. 这就是基督教的独特之处。
- God fully revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. 神通过耶稣基督,充份彰显了祂的神性。
- God has given us all the information that we need to have in order to make rational decisions.
   神也给予我们足够的资料,使我们可以凭理性作出抉择。
- 91. What does God want us to know about Him? 神要我们知道些什么呢?
- God wants us to know that He loves to save professing sinners. 神要我们知道,祂乐意拯救罪人。
- 93. God wants us to know that He spent many centuries preparing the world for the coming of His Son.
  神要我们知道,祂用了很长的时间预备祂儿子的降生。
- 94. God wants us to know that, exactly according to His schedule, His Son came into the world.
   神要我们知道,按着祂所定的时间,神的儿子准时降生在世上。
- 95. God wants us to know that those who have received the gift of salvation should share it with others.
  神要我们知道,我们不仅要接受救恩,还要把这恩典与他人分享。
- 96. God wants us to know that, by dying on the cross, His Son satisfied His justice by paying the penalty of our sin.
  神要我们知道,借着耶稣在十字架上的流血 赎罪,满足了神对公义的要求。

- 97. God wants us to know that His Son was resurrected from the dead on the third day to assure us of our own resurrection.
  神要我们知道,神的儿子死后三天复活,从 而保证了我们也要与祂一同复活。
- God wants us to know that His Son is now exalted on the throne of the universe; 神要我们知道,神的儿子现今被高举,超过 万有。
- 99. and that, from His throne, His Son invites sinners to come to Him;
  因此,神的儿子邀请所有的罪人,都来到祂的宝座前;
- 100. and, when they come to Him, He lovingly leads them throughout their lives;
   凡愿意信靠祂的人,祂慈爱的双手要牵引他 们走过人生的每一步。
- 101. and, finally, He brings them home to Himself in Heaven; 而且至终, 主耶稣要带领他们回天家;
- 102. but what does the sovereign God want His children to know? 可是,万有之主要祂的儿女明白些什么呢?
- 103. What does the sovereign God want those who have responded and accepted His invitation to know?
   神要向已经相信祂、接受祂为生命救主的人 显明哪些心意呢?
- 104. He wants them to know that, because He is sovereign and in control, 祂要我们知道:因为祂掌管一切,
- 105. all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.
  万事都互相效力,叫爱神的人得益处,就是 按祂旨意被召的人。
- 106. God wants them to know that He wants all His children to be conformed to the image of His Son.
  神要我们明白,神喜悦祂的儿女都效法主耶稣基督。
- 107. God wants them to know that we should live this life without fear of the future, because God controls it.
  神要我们晓得,我们不必为前途感到惧怕, 因为祂掌管明天。

- God wants His children to know that they should live this life without anxiety and worry, because He controls their circumstances. 神要祂的儿女知道,我们应该活得无忧无 虑,因为祂掌管环境。
- 109. God wants His children to know that they should live this life, trusting in His provision; 神要祂的儿女知道,我们应该相信天父的供应,好好活着;
- 110. that they should live this life, accepting His Word as the truth,我们应当相信,神的话就是真理,
- 111. believing His promises and obeying His commands;
  我们应当信靠祂的应许,并顺服祂的命令;
- 112. that they should be diligent and hardworking for His Kingdom. 并且要殷懃地为主做工。
- 113. God wants His children to know that His everlasting arms are underneath.
  神要我们知道, 祂永远的膀臂要托住祂的儿 女。
- 114. God wants His children to know that He is our Security, 神要我们明白, 祂是我们的保障,
- 115. and, that He, the Creator of the world, never gets tired or grows weary;创造天地的主必不困倦,也不疲乏;
- 116. that He, the sovereign Lord, is in control of your job, your home, your children, and every breath.
  全能的主掌管你的工作、家庭、儿女和你的 生命。
- 117. The sovereign God wants His children to know that, no matter how impossible the dream, 全能的神要祂的儿女知道,无论梦想是多么 不可能实现,
- 118. no matter how difficult the task, 无论问题是多么艰巨,
- 119. no matter how fierce the opposition, 无论反对势力是多么强大,
- 120. no matter how ferocious the enemy, 无论仇敌是多么凶狠,
- 121. no matter how bleak things may look, 无论前景是多么黯淡,
- 122. no matter how hopeless it seems, 无论希望是多么渺茫,

123. "...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

"……但那等候耶和华的,必从新得力。

- 124. They will soar on wings like eagles. 他们必如鹰展翅上腾,
- 125. They will run and not grow weary. 他们奔跑却不困倦,
- 126. They will walk and not be faint." 行走却不疲乏。"
- 127. The sovereignty of God tells His children that His grace is sufficient, 全能的神告诉祂的儿女,祂的恩典足够,
- 128. regardless of what happens. 不论何时何地。
- 129. The sovereignty of God tells His children, who are daily walking with Him and trusting in Him, that a mighty fortress is our God.
  全能的神告诉祂的儿女,只要我们肯与神同 行并依靠祂,祂就要作我们坚固的保障。
- 130. Finally, the sovereignty of God should tell His children that, "...if God is for us, who can be against us?
  最后一点,全能的神告诉祂的儿女,说:
  "神若帮助我们,谁能敌挡我们呢?
- 131. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? 谁能使我们与基督的爱隔绝呢?
- 132. Will tribulation, 难道是患难么?
- 133. distress, 是困苦么?
- 134. or persecution; 是逼迫么?
- 135. will famine, 是饥饿么?
- 136. or peril, 是危险么?
- 137. or war? 是刀剑么?
- 138. No. 都不是。
- In all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us, 靠着爱我们的主,在这一切的事上,已经得 胜有余了,

- 140. for I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor height, nor depth, will be able to separate us from the love of God."
  因为,我深信无论是死、是生、是高处的、是低处的,都不能叫我们与神的爱隔绝"。
- 141. Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus;
  世上没有一样东西可以叫我们与神的爱隔绝,因为这爱是在我们的主基督耶稣里的。
- 142. and this is all you need to know about God's sovereignty.
  这就是我们需要知道的,有关神主权的全部 内容。
- 143. My listening friend, please listen carefully as I conclude.
   亲爱的朋友,在结束的时候,我要对你说。
- 144. If you have never accepted His gracious invitation through His Son, Jesus Christ, 如果你还没有接受神子耶稣基督恩慈的呼 唤,
- 145. if you have never received His gift of eternal life with Him, you can do that today. 如果你还没有得到祂所赐的永生,盼望你今 天就可以得到。
- 146. Just ask Him into your life today, 只要你现在邀请主进到你的生命里头,
- 147. and He will begin to offer you His blessings. 祂就会赐给你丰满的福分。
- 148. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing. 好,我们下次节目再见,愿神大大地赐福给

你。