



WHY THE CHURCH?

#2 SERIES

PRAYER



*If God is sovereign -
can He change His
mind?*

1. Destined to Reign

Genesis 1:28 *God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground...”*



Luke 4:6 *And he (Satan) said to Him (Jesus), "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to."*

- Laws of inheritance
(Jeremiah 32:8-11)
- Family member had right of redemption of property





Matthew 16:19 {NJV}

*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven:
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

2. Can God Change His Mind?

James 1:17 *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows....*

- God cannot change His character, but He does change His mind.

Exodus 31:14 *...then the Lord relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened....*

Jonah 4:1-4 *But to Jonah this (Nineveh NOT destroyed) seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish.*

I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

3. Through the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

PRAY

A close-up photograph of a wooden sign with the word "PRAY" in large, dark, block letters. The sign is mounted on a wooden base and sits on a wooden surface. To the right of the sign is a lit candle in a glass holder, with a bright flame and a warm, orange glow. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.