

Hymn of the Month is a worship-focused initiative of the Salem Hellers Music Ministry. Worship is the most important thing we do; as part of our efforts to enrich and deepen our worship, each month we will focus on a less familiar or more recently composed song or hymn that we hope will become appreciated and loved by our congregation. We will explore different ways to introduce and incorporate these songs throughout the month; we want to help you become comfortable with them. May we grow together in faith as we learn these theologically rich hymns and join our voices in corporate worship.

Listen to a recording of this month's hymn on our new website at www.salemhellers.com. Look for *Hymn of the Month* in the Worship tab menu and click on "visit the download page".



#33 *Our Sovereign God*
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1

*Our Sovereign God by His own word
sustains this world and reigns as Lord.
No angel demon, sinful man can change His course,
restrain His hand.
O Sovereign God, we praise Your power;
Your wisdom, goodness we adore!
We bow our hearts before Your throne;
help us, O Lord to trust You more!
Help us, O Lord, to trust You more!*

2

*When the fullness of the time had come,
God sent His own beloved Son
to keep God's law, live in our place,
to bear our sin, guilt and disgrace.
Dead in our sin, estranged from God,
we fled as rebels from His love.
In sovereign grace He made us sons
and saved us from the wrath to come,
and saved us from the wrath to come.*

3

*Before our birth He planned our days,
laid out our course, ordained our ways.
The moments of our lives He weaves
so all the glory He receives.
To those He loved before all time,
to all He called, in grace renewed,
He cannot lie; His Word is true –
He makes all things to work for good!
He makes all things to work for good!*

4

*He has written history's final page;
His Son's return will end this age.
The Lamb will come in glorious might,
Take back His world and end its night.
How deep the wisdom of our God,
Unknown, unfathomed are His ways!
None counsels Him or knows His mind.
We bow before Him all our days,
we bow before Him all our days.*

The text of *Our Sovereign God* was written by Tom Pennington, and **the music** was composed by his wife, Sheila.

Tom has served as the Pastor of Countryside Bible Church in Texas for more than 20 years. In addition to his pastoral role, he trains pastors in expository preaching, and his pulpit ministry is featured on his website *The Word Unleashed*.

Before moving to Texas Tom was an elder, Associate Pastor and personal assistant to John MacArthur at Grace Community Church in California. He was also a faculty member of The Master's Seminary and was Managing Director of MacArthur's *Grace to You* ministry.

The Meaning: The four verses of the hymn describe the attributes of God, His sovereign plan and His faithful promises to us.

God is sovereign; in His omnipotence He sustains the world and holds us in His care. His power is unequalled, His promises are true, and He is worthy of our worship and love.

God sent His Son to bear the punishment for our sins; though we were dead in our sins, through His death on the cross we are redeemed -- saved from God's wrath and condemnation and restored to a right relationship with Him.

God foreknew us; He knows the end from the beginning and is working out His plan and purpose in His creation and in our lives. All glory goes to Him. We rely on Him completely, trusting Him beyond our human comprehension, knowing that His promises are true.

Our omniscient God has ordained that Christ will return to reign for eternity. As we bow before Him, we rest securely in His steadfast, loving control.

"The more we understand God's sovereignty, the more our prayers will be filled with thanksgiving." – R.C. Sproul