

*Jesus said to him, "Have I
been so long with you,
and yet you have not come to
know Me, Philip?" (John 14:9)*



How great is the God we know?

- *A questioner..who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"*
- *Jesus to Peter: What is that to you? YOU follow me.*

The One and Only

Father

Constitutional: Unity, Infinite, Eternal, Immutable, Spirit, Immense (Omnipresent), Sovereign, Omnipotent

Holy Spirit

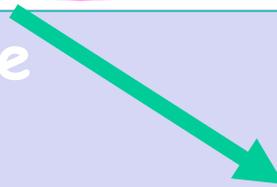
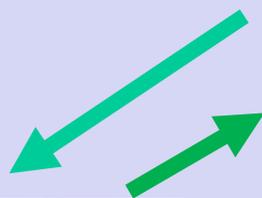
Personality: Omniscience, Sensibility (Holiness, Love, Justice, Humble, Forgiving, Goodness, Truth, Faithful), Will

Son



Time & Space

Creator



How did God represent Himself?

Through His Name(s)



- *Ge 1:1 In the beginning God <0430> created the heaven and the earth*

אלוהים

Elohim



Through His Name(s)

- *Ge 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created in the day that the LORD <03068> God <0430> made the earth and the heavens,.....formed the man..*

אלוהים

Elohim (God)

יהוה

Jehovah (LORD)

English	Hebrew, definition, times used	Text
God	Elohim (Mighty Ones) 2606x	Genesis 1:1
God	El (Might, Power) 245x	Genesis 14:18
God	Eloah (Mighty One) 57x	Nehemiah 9:17
God	Elah (Aramaic form) 95x	Daniel 2:18
Yahweh (Jehovah), God, LORD	YHWH (Yahweh) 6519x	Gen 2:4; 15:2; Ex 6:3
Lord	YH (Yah) (abbreviated form of Yahweh) 49x	Psalm 68:4
Lord	Adon (Lord, Ruler) 335x	Joshua 3:11
Lord	Adonai (Lords, Rulers) 434x	Genesis 15:2
I Am That I Am	Eheyeh asher Eheyeh 1x	Exodus 3:14
I Am	Eheyeh 19x	Exodus 3:14; throughout Isa 40-55
Most High God	El-Elyon (Supreme Might)	Genesis 14:18
Almighty God	El-Shaddai (Might of the Powerful Ones)	Genesis 17:1

Through His Name(s)

- Dan 9:25 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the **Anointed One, the Ruler**, comes, there will be seven 'sevens',...
- Mt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ <5547>; 5547 Χριστος **Christos**
- Matt 1:20,21 ..an angel of the Lord appeared to him ..and you are to give him the name Jesus (Greek form of Joshua, the **LORD (JHWH) saves**, ..and they will call him Immanuel— which means, "God with us."

Through control of nature

Creation	OT	NT
Light, darkness	The plague of darkness to Pharaoh	Darkness at the crucifixion
	God displays Himself to Moses in flaming fire in the bush	Jesus brings light to the blind man
Water	God brings on the great flood	Jesus calms the storm
Fish	God brings a great fish to Jonah	Jesus brings a great catch of fish
Animals	God brings the animals to man to name	Jesus rides a donkey

Through the claims of Origin



- *OT: Gen 1:1 God created the heavens and the earth*
- *NT: John 1:1,2 ..the Word was God. Through Him all things were made.*

Through the Divine Decrees



- *Types*
 - *Parity*
 - *Conditional (determined by the Higher)*
 - *Unconditional (granted by the Higher)*
- *OT: Noah, Abraham, Moses, David*
- *NT: Christ*
- *GOD the Initiator of the structure of His relationship with man*



Sovereignty Defined



- *The highest position in a dominion or domain*
 - *King in an autocracy*
 - *Sovereign nation*

Sovereignty Defined



- *The highest position in a dominion or domain*
 - *Implies there is no higher position*
 - *Implies ultimate authority*
 - *Implies the power to sustain*

Sovereignty Defined



- *The highest position in a dominion or domain*
 - *Does not define character*
 - *Does not provide a full view of who God revealed Himself to be*
 - *Does not elaborate purpose and will*

Sovereignty Declared



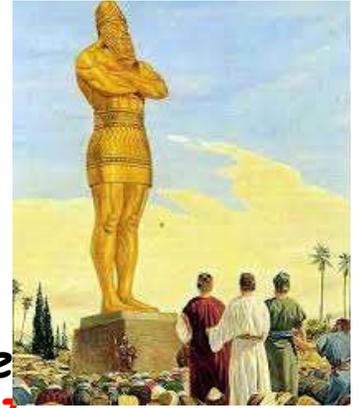
- *Ps 22:28 ..for dominion belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations..*
- *Ps 115:1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.*
 - *2 Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"*
 - *3 Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.*
- *Mat 6:9 Our Father in heaven, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven...*

Sovereignty Declared



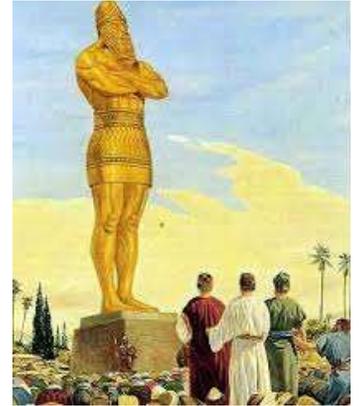
- *Isaiah 46:9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; **I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.***
- *10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: **My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.***
- *11 ..What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.*
- *John 17:2 For you **granted him authority over all people** that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him.*

Sovereignty Declared OT



- *Dan 4:34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raise my eyes towards heaven, and my sanity was restored. **Then I praised the Most High;** I honoured and glorified him who lives for ever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.*
- *35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No-one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"*
- *36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honour and splendour were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before.*
- *37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify **the King of heaven,** because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.*

Sovereignty Declared



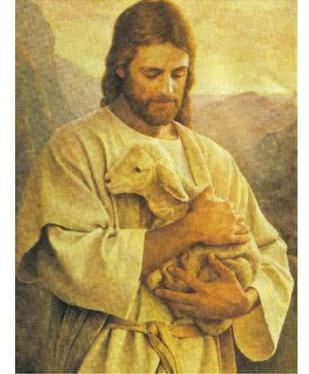
- ***Ezekiel 21:25 "O profane and wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, whose time of punishment has reached its climax,***
- ***26 this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Take off the turban, remove the crown. It will not be as it was: The lowly will be exalted and the exalted will be brought low.***
- ***27 A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! It will not be restored until he comes to whom it rightfully belongs; to him I will give it.'***
- ***28 ¶) "And you, son of man, prophesy and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says about the Ammonites and their insults: "A sword, a sword, drawn for the slaughter, polished to consume and to flash like lightning!***

Sovereignty Declared by Jesus



- ***Mt 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."***

Sovereignty Declared by Jesus

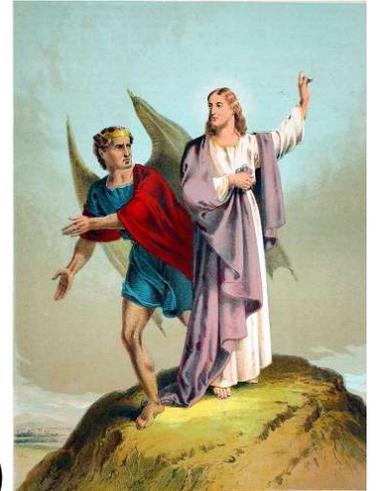


- *John 10: 24 The Jews gathered round him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."*
- *25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,*
- *26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.*
- *27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*
- *28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand.*
- *29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.*
- *30 I and the Father are one."*

Sovereignty Demonstrated in Jesus

- *Through His Creation*
 - *Originator and Sustainer (John 1, Heb 1:3)*
 - *Control of its forces*
 - *Light (Healing of the blind man Jn 9)*
 - *Darkness (Teaching Nicodemus Jn 3:18,19)*
 - *Water (Stilled the storm Mt 8:26)*
 - *Fish (Coin Mt 8:26)*
 - *Food (Feeding the crowds)*

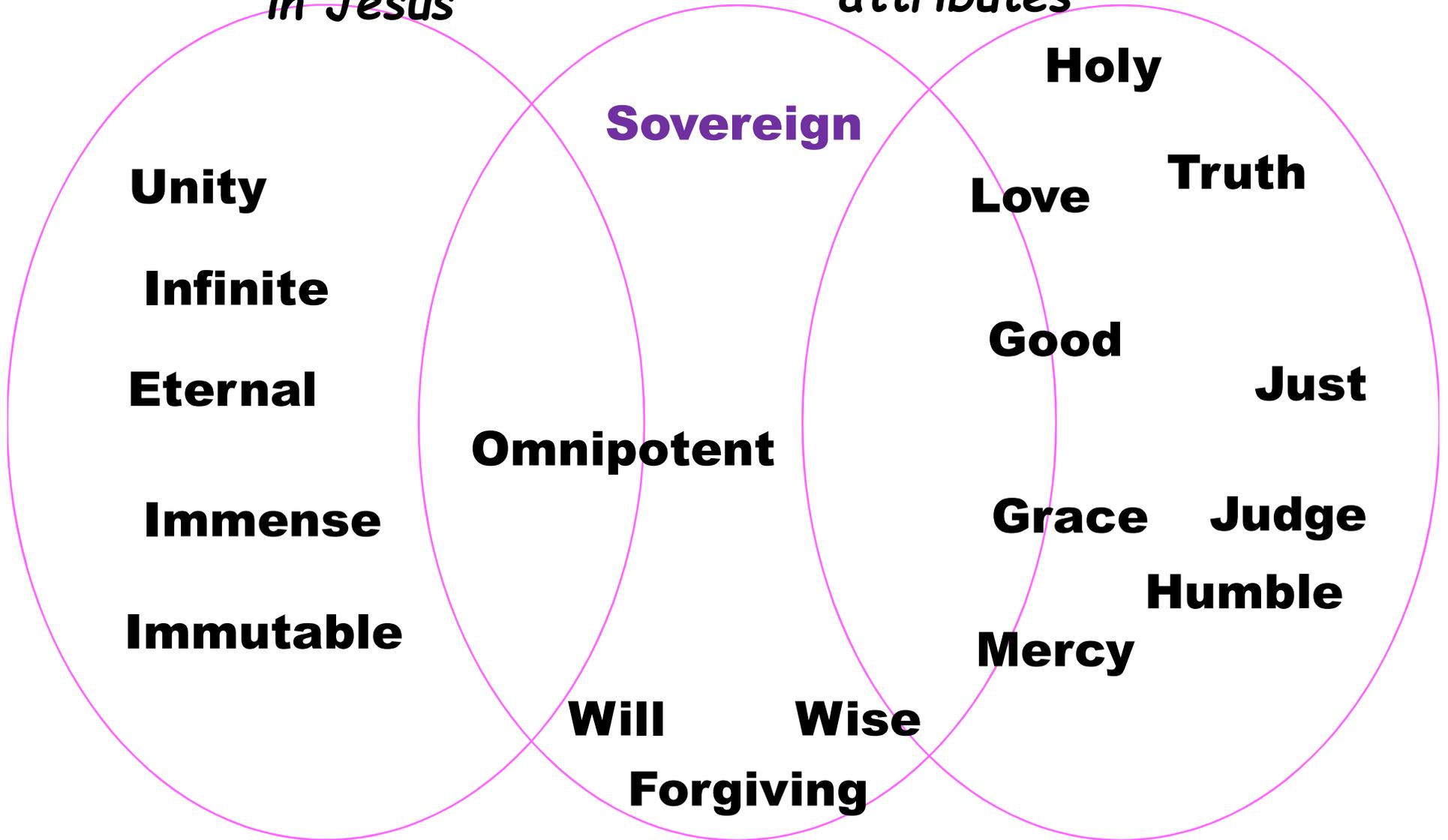
Sovereignty Demonstrated in Jesus



- ***Over Principalities and Powers***
 - ***Satan and his evil spirits (Matt 4:10)***
- ***The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, even the wicked for the day of evil. (Prov 16:4)***
- ***Over Nations***
 - ***Israel (Seven woes of Matt 23; Matt 27:11)***
 - ***Judgment over all nations (Matt 24; Luke 17)***
 - ***Paying of taxes to the Kings of the earth***

*Sovereignty Demonstrated
in Jesus*

*In the exercise of His
attributes*



Unity

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Omnipotent

Will

Wise

Forgiving

Holy

Truth

Love

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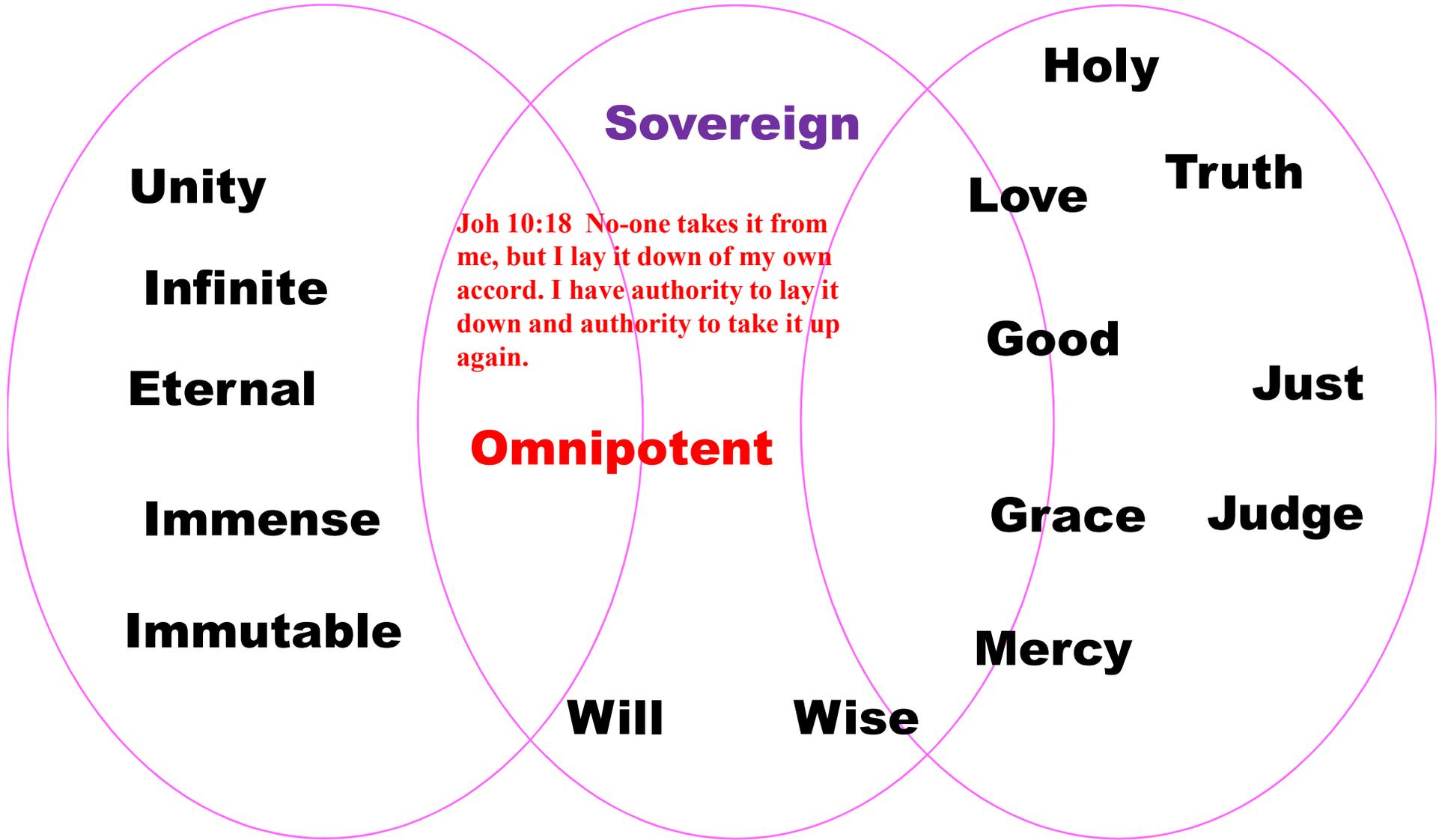
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Grace

Judge

Humble

Mercy



Unity

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Joh 10:18 No-one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.

Omnipotent

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Wise

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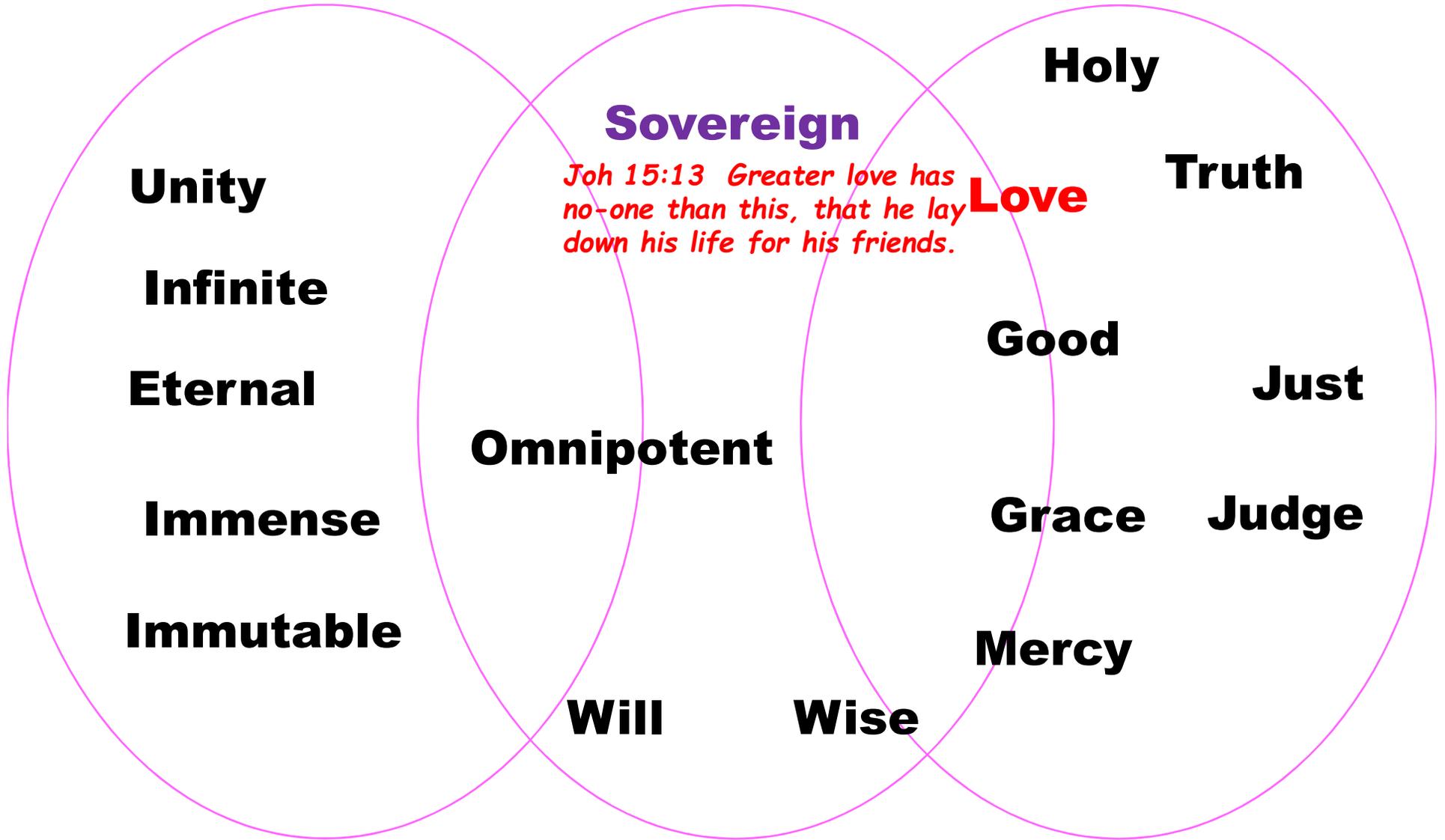
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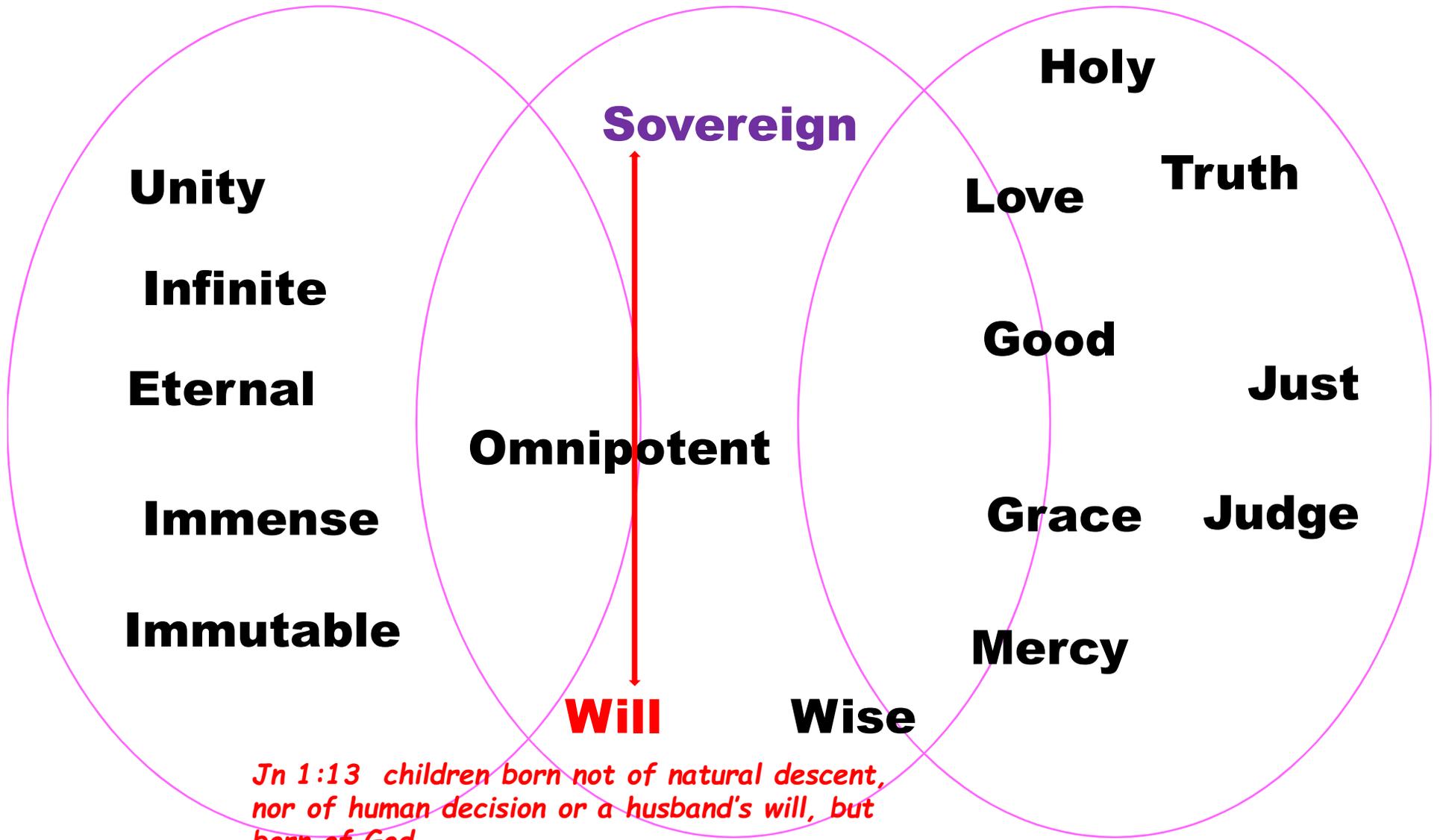
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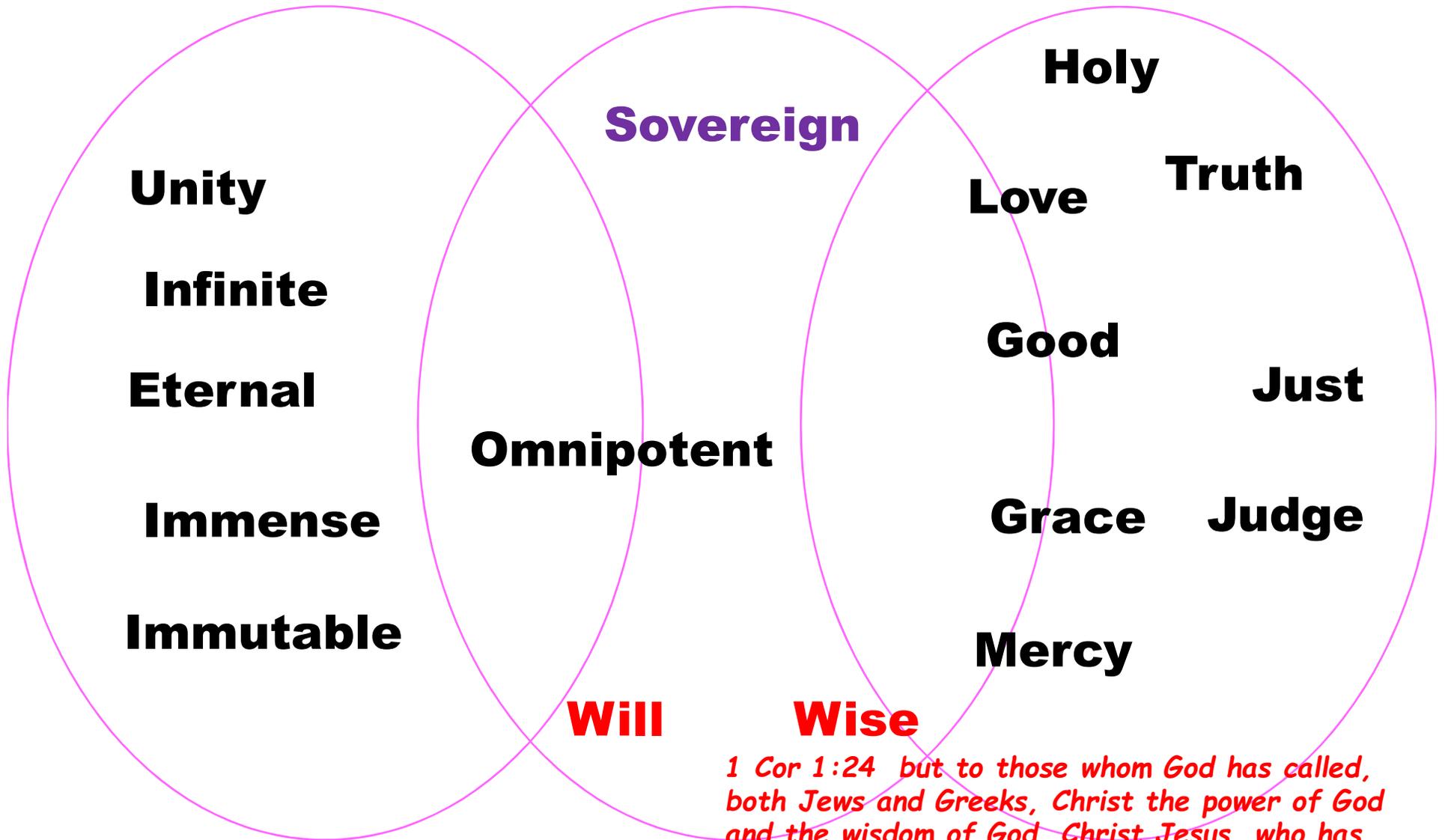
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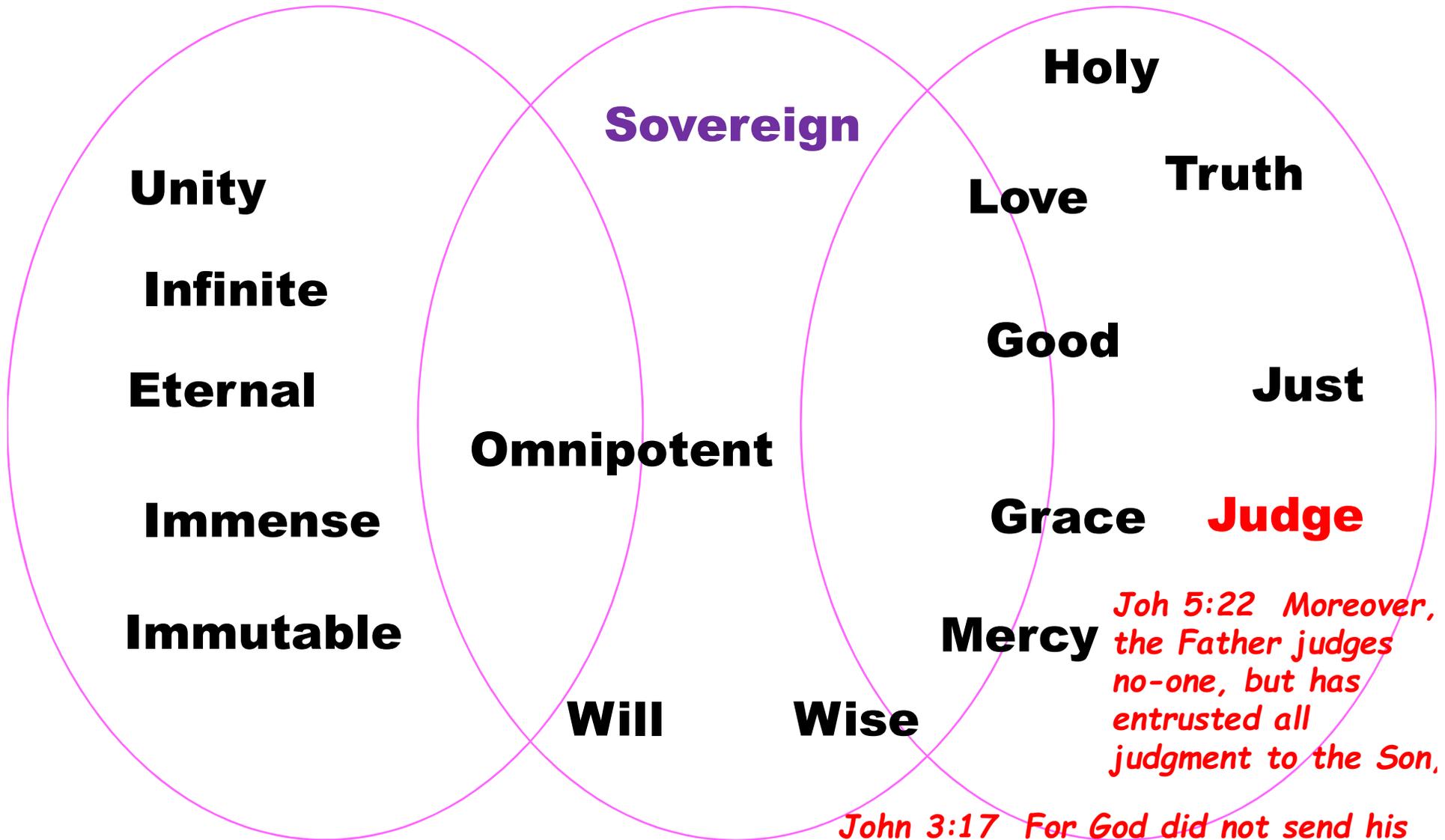
Mercy







1 Cor 1:24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.



Joh 5:22 Moreover, the Father judges no-one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Sovereignty Demonstrated in Jesus

- *In the salvation of the elect*
 - *Joh 6:40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.*
 - *John 6:44 No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Sovereignty Demonstrated in Jesus

- *In the salvation of the elect*
 - *Joh 15:16 You did not choose me, but **I chose** you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*
 - *Eph 1:4 For **he chose us in him** before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—*
 - *Eph 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having **believed**, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,*

Rom 9:11 Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand:

12 not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

13 Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

14 ¶ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all!

15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

16 It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

18 Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?"

20 But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"

Ro 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Questions that arise

Why did He choose Israel as the nation as His own people?

Why did Jesus heal some and not all?

Why did He raise only Lazarus from the dead?

How can God be Almighty and Good with all the suffering in the world?

Why does he let this happen to me?

Why does He save so few?

What are the implications?

Produces humility before our Lord *(Thomas my Lord & my God)*

Prompts us to deep respect and awe *(The official & household believed)*

Determines the conditions of our relationship with God *(You must be born again)*

Strengthens our faith *(To Martha Whoever believes in me will never die)*

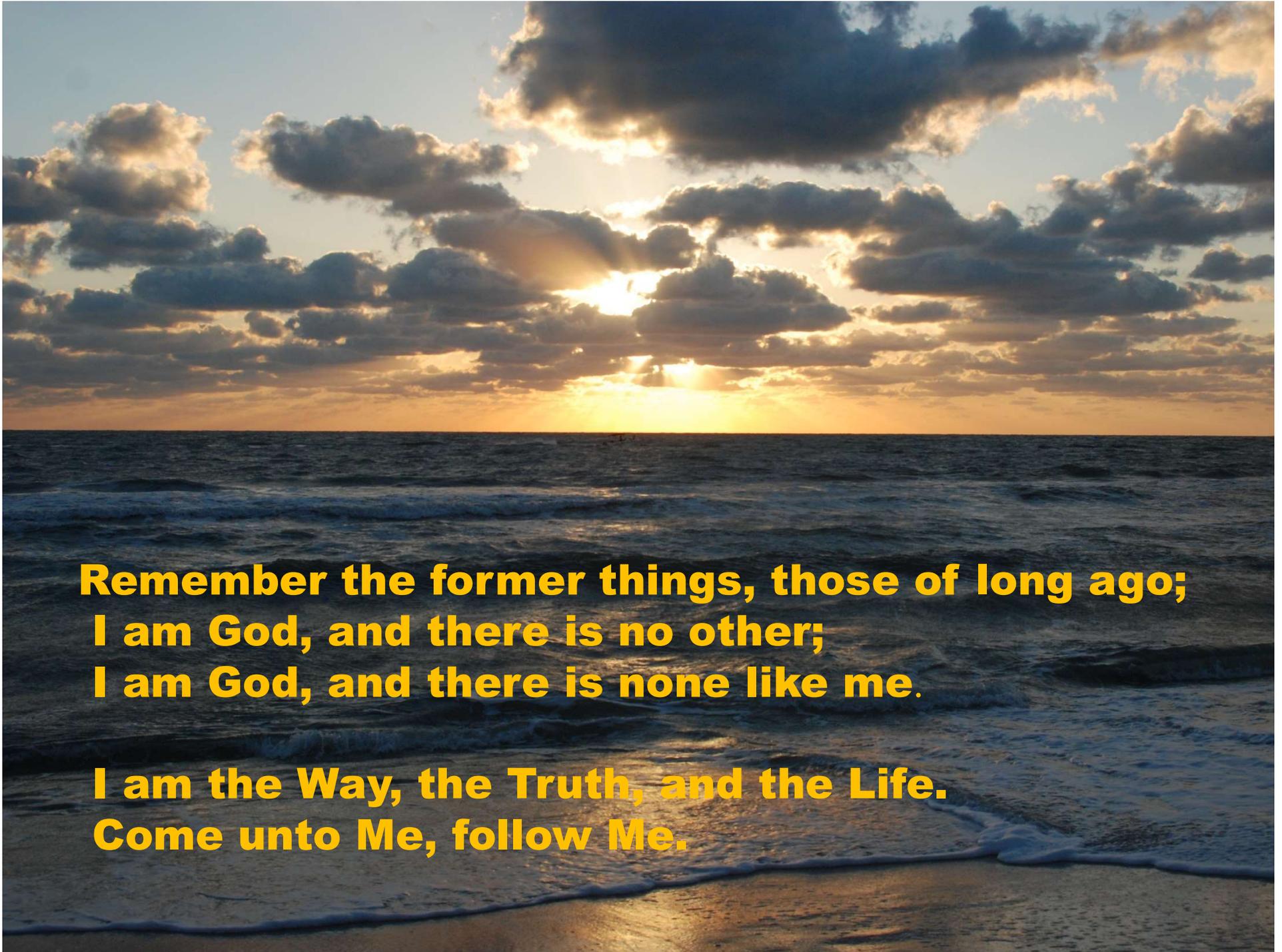
Leads to contentment *(My sheep listen to my voice)*

Draws us to worship

Man made to see: John 9 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him.



**Remember the former things, those of long ago;
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me.**

**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
Come unto Me, follow Me.**