

HOPEFUL & BY-ENDS, BY-ENDS' FRIENDS
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1. John Bunyan's view of God was that He is the sovereign Creator who rules and reigns over His creation, causing all things to work together for good to those that love Him. What statement in this section evidences this belief?

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

2. What do the following verses teach regarding the sovereignty of God? Genesis 2:19; 6:19–20; Exodus 8:22; 9:3–6, 23–26; 10:21–23; Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Kings 17:2–4; Psalm 103:19; 135:6; 115:3; 22:28; 76:10; 147:15–18; 33:11; Proverbs 21:1, 30; 16:4, 9; 19:21; Isaiah 46:9–10; 14:27; 40:17–18; Daniel 4:17, 35; Amos 4:7–10; Mark 4:39; John 3:27; Acts 17:28; Romans 9:15; Ephesians 1:3–5; 1 Timothy 6:13–17; Hebrews 1:3

3. What does Proverbs 26:24–26 say about people at the town of Fair-speech?

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4. What is the difference between Talkative and By-ends?

5. Explain, in your own words, what two characteristics set By-ends apart from those in the “stricter sort” of religion.

6. In what ways are By-ends' principles *not* “harmless”?

7. By-ends and his friends claim to have Scripture on their side. Which of the following statements is more in line with what Scripture teaches?

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” (Jim Elliot, martyred missionary)

He is a “fool, that having the liberty to keep what he has, shall be so unwise as to lose it.” (Mr. Hold-the-world)

8. This chapter ends with a question posed by By-ends to his friends. Put the question in your own words. How would you answer this question?
