

Heritage Presbyterian Church

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 12. What are the decrees of God?

A. God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will, whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatsoever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men.

Focus: Now that we know who God is and what is true of Him, God wants us to know what He has declared. God has an inclusive and exact plan for the universe He created.

Three Things We Need to Know About God's Decrees:

- 1) *The Nature of God's Decrees*- They are acts of the counsel of His will that are wise, free, and holy.

What does it mean that God's decrees are wise?

What does it mean that God's decrees are free?

What does it mean that God's decrees are holy?

How do we know this is true?

Ephesians 1:7-12

Isaiah 45:6-7

Romans 9:14-18

Romans 11:33

2) *The Ultimate Purpose of His Decrees*- His own glory

Romans 9:22-24

3) *His Decrees Are*- The unchangeable foreordination of what comes to pass in time, particularly regarding angels and men

What does “foreordination” mean?

How is foreordination different from predestination?

This doctrine about God’s decrees teaches us 7 important things:

How do we know God’s decrees are the unchangeable foreordination of what comes to pass in time?

Psalm 33:11

Isaiah 14:24

Acts 2:23

Acts 4:27-28