

Heritage Presbyterian Church

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 18. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures; ordering them, and all their actions, to his own glory.

Review of decrees

LC12,14 Job 42:2

God's decrees depend upon His providential governing

Act 4:27

How much does God govern?

Ps 103:19

Eph 1:11

Job 38:32-41

Ps 104:24-27

What about Angels?

Q. 19. What is God's providence towards the angels?

A. God by his providence permitted some of the angels, willfully and irrecoverably, to fall into sin and damnation, limiting and ordering that, and all their sins, to his own glory; and established the rest in holiness and happiness; employing them all, at his pleasure, in the administrations of his power, mercy, and justice.

Jde 1:6

Job 1:12

Mar 8:38

2Sa 24:16

Heb 1:14

God governs all – He will accomplish all that He decreed

Isa 46:9

Does this make God the author of sin?

What about free will?

Compatibilist view – God's sovereignty and man's free actions are compatible with each other.

Gen 45:4-8

Gen 50:20

Act 2:23

The purpose of God's providence – His own glory

Isa 43:25

Isaiah 48:9-11

Rev 5:9-14

Providence meant to comfort believers

Rom 8:28

Rom 15:4

Ps 145:17-20

1Co 10:1-13

Rom 11:33-36