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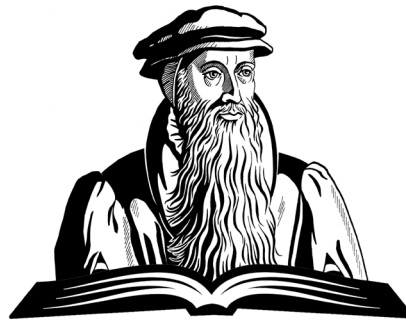
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Catechism Question 11



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YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #8

God's Works of Providence

Memorization

Question 11: *What are God's works of providence?*

Answer: *God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The meaning of God's providence.
3. The manner of God's providence
4. The extent of God's providence..
5. Conclusion

Basic Questions About Question 11

1. What does the word "providence" mean in this lecture?

2. What does the word "preserving" mean in this lecture?

3. What does the word "governing" mean in this lecture?

4. Paraphrase the Answer to Question #11, or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *He preserves and governs all things.*

Hebrews 1:3 _____

Psalm 103:19 _____

Daniel 4:35 _____

2. *The way he preserves and governs is most holy, wise, and powerful.*

Psalm 145:17 _____

Acts 2:22–24 _____

Romans 11:33 _____

3. *Man was made to serve God.*

Ephesians 5:23–25 _____

4. *God's providence extends to all his creatures and all their actions.*

Matthew 10:29–31 _____

Romans 8:28 _____

Lecture Checkup

1. What is the basic meaning of God's providence??

2. What does it mean that God is upholding all things? How does he uphold them?

3. What does it mean that God is governing all things? What does this make us think about God's power?

4. What are the three attributes of God that describe the manner of his providence?

5. How do God's works show him to be righteous and holy?

6. How does the providence of God relate to man's sin? How can we see the sovereign providence of God in the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:23)?

7. What should our attitude be if we have unanswered questions about the providence of God and the way he governs everything? What is the truth that we should resort to when thinking of these things?

8. How do we see the great wisdom of God's providence in his plan of salvation? How did God had work all of history together to bring forth his Son in the fulness of time?

9. What great works of God are included in his providence? Give some examples from Scripture.

10. During times of difficulty and trouble, how can the providence of God challenge us? How does knowing about God's wisdom, holiness, and power help us to trust him?

11. What comforts can we draw from the doctrine of the providence of God?

Practical Application

1. Read the story of King Nebuchadnezzar, in Daniel chapters 1 through 4. Looking at the testimony of that king in Daniel 4:35, how does this help you to see the wise, holy, and powerful providence of our God?

2. Read and meditate on the life of Joseph in Genesis chapters 37 to 50. Despite the many difficulties in his life, see how Joseph testified to the providence of God and praised him for it. How does this help you when you have to face hard things in your life?
