

Study of Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question 11
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Q. 11. 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, and all their actions.

Discover whether this catechism answer has biblical support, as per usual; but also consider the relationship of the doctrine of providence with other important Christian doctrines.

Gen. 50:15-21.

Ps. 35:5-9.

Ps. 65:5-13.

Ps. 103:15-22.

Ps. 145:14-21.

Prov. 8:12-21.

Dan. 4:34-37.

Matt. 6:31-34.

Acts 17:24-28.

Rom. 8:26-30.

Heb. 1:1-3.

How does the doctrine of providence interact with other Christian doctrines?

Heidelberg Catechism
appended for comparison

Q 27. What do you understand
by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God

by which God upholds, as with his hand,
heaven
and earth
and all creatures,

and so rules them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact,
come to us

not by chance
but by his fatherly hand.