

Westminster Shorter Catechism 7  
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Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Isa. 46:8-11.

Eph. 1:4,11.

Rom. 9:22-23.

Rom. 11:33-36.

*Pastoral application.*

Heidelberg Catechism  
*appended for comparison*

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Q. What do you believe when you say,  
“I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth”?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
who still upholds and rules them  
by his eternal counsel and providence,  
is my God and Father  
because of Christ the Son.

I trust God so much that I do not doubt  
he will provide  
whatever I need  
for body and soul,  
and will turn to my good  
whatever adversity he sends upon me  
in this sad world.

God is able to do this because he is almighty God  
and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.