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***Foundations of the Faith: Knowing for Living***  
***The Providence of God***

*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. – Matthew 10:29-30*

*God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions. – Westminster Shorter Catechism, A.11*

**1. God keeps all of his creatures in existence**

*The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God...for 'In him we live and move and have our being'... -Acts 17:24-28*

*...all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. – Colossians 1:16-17*

**2. God engages himself in every thing, act and event**

*Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.  
- Psalm 135:6*

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. – Romans 8:28-29*

**3. God governs and directs all things toward an appointed end**

*This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. – Acts 2:23*

*But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. – Genesis 50:19-20*

*In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. – Ephesians 1:11-12*