

Systematic Theology Schedule

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Systematic Theology SESSION VII CLASS NOTES

THE DOCTRINE OF PROVIDENCE – PART 1

*“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever. Amen.” **Romans 11:36***

I. Introduction

II. Providence – God’s Ongoing Relationship with Creation.

HC #27: “God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.”

(Psalm 104; Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24-28; Heb. 1:3; Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2; Prov. 16:33; Matt. 10:29)

III. 3 Aspects of God’s Providence

“For from Him...”

1. **God Upholds and Sustains All Things: *Preservation***
(Heb 1:3; Col. 1:17; Neh. 9:6; Job 34:14-15)

- **Col. 1:15-17** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

“...and through Him...”

2. God Works In and Through All Things: *Concurrence*

(Gen. 45:5; Eph. 1:11; Job 37:6-13; Prov. 16:9, 33; Phil. 2:13)

- Primary and secondary causes
- **Acts 14:15-17** “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” (**also 17:24-27**)

“...and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.”

3. God Rules and Directs All Things: *Government*

(Dan 4:35; Rom. 8:28; Ps. 103:19)

- **Daniel 4:34–35** “At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?””

4. *Application*: How does the doctrine of Providence comfort the believer in Christ?

- Trust
- Patience
- Gratitude
- Hope