

Resources on the Doctrine of Providence:

- *The Mystery of Providence* by John Flavel
- *Spectacular Sins* by John Piper
- *Big God* by Orlando Saer

Systematic Theology Schedule

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Systematic Theology SESSION VIII CLASS NOTES

THE DOCTRINE OF PROVIDENCE (PART 2)

I. Review: Providence is God's Ongoing Relationship with Creation.

1. Preservation
2. Concurrence
3. Government

II. 3 Propositions

1. God is absolutely sovereign.
 - a. Ps. 115:2-3; 135:6; Isa. 14:24-26; 46:9-11; Dan. 4:34-35; Jer. 23:20; Zech. 1:6; Eph. 1:11
2. Human beings are morally responsible creatures.
 - a. Josh. 24:14-15; Rom. 10:9-11; Ex. 16:4; Ex. 19:4-6; Det. 4:5-8; Isa. 30:18; Ezk. 18:30-32
3. The Bible insists that God is perfectly good.
 - a. Dt. 32:4; Hab. 1:13; 1 Jn. 1:5; Rev. 15:3-4

III. Compatibilism

- Though the free will of man seems irreconcilable with the proposition of God's sovereignty, they both do exist and are "compatible" with one another.

IV. God is sovereign over all things (sin, evil, Satan, etc.) and human beings are completely responsible for their sinful actions.

Joseph

- **Genesis 45:4-8** So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 *And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.* 8 *So it was not you who sent me here, but God.* He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.
- **Genesis 50:20** 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.

Job

- **Job 1:20-22** Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. *The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*" 22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Jesus

- **Acts 4:24-28** And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed"—for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, *to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.*"
- **Acts 2:22-24** Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know: this Jesus, *delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.* God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Application:

1. Look at the cross.

- **Romans 5:6-9** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

2. Look at the end.

- **Revelation 21:3-4** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*"