

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY
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Masterpiece
Cakeshop
"Yeah... that cakeshop"

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What is God's providence?

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all (NASB; Ps. 103:19).

Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps (NASB; Ps. 135:6)

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Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And *yet* not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered (NASB; Matt. 10:29-30).

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen (NASB; Rom. 11:36).

God's providence is *His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing of all His creatures and all their actions, to His own glory.*

(Adapted from the *Westminster Shorter and Larger* catechisms, Qs. 11, 18)

Providence. Think of the word, *provide*. *Providence* concerns all that God *provides* for His creatures; their circumstances, sustenance, preservation, government, abilities, successes, failures, usefulness, etc.



What is the benefit of our knowing about God's providence?

I will cry to God Most High, to God who accomplishes *all things* for me (NASB; Ps. 57:2).

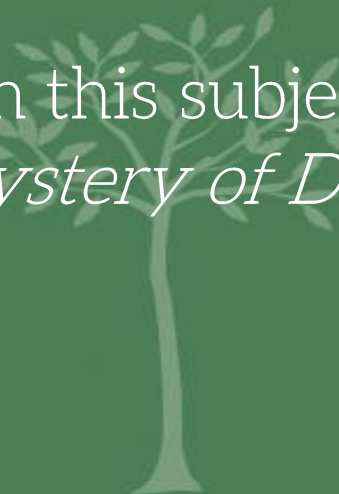
Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows (NASB; Matt. 10:29-31).

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (NASB; I Thess. 5:18).

The benefit of our knowing about God's providence is that it makes us *patient in adversity and thankful in prosperity*, so that *we may place our firm trust* in our Heavenly Father concerning everything that befalls us.

(Adapted from the *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q. 28)

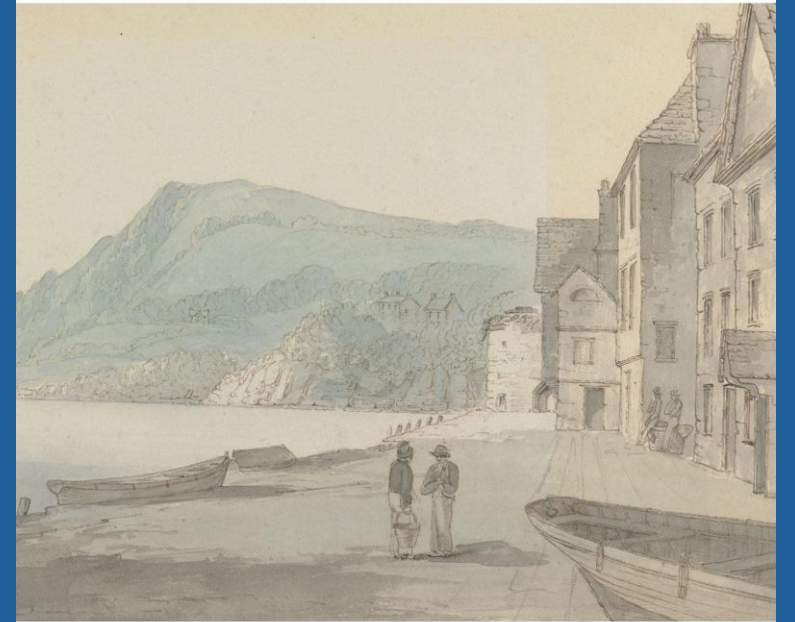
For deeply reassuring teaching on this subject, read prayerfully John Flavel's, *The Mystery of Divine Providence*.



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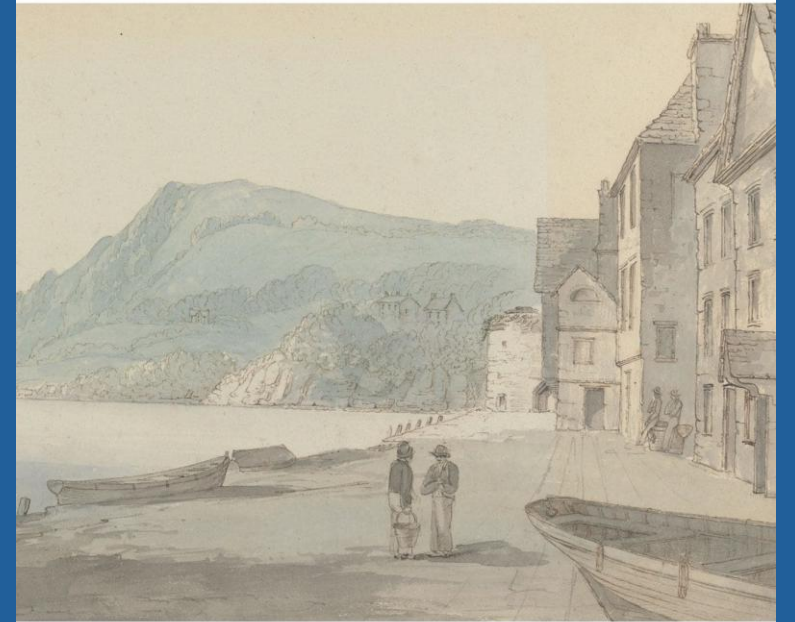
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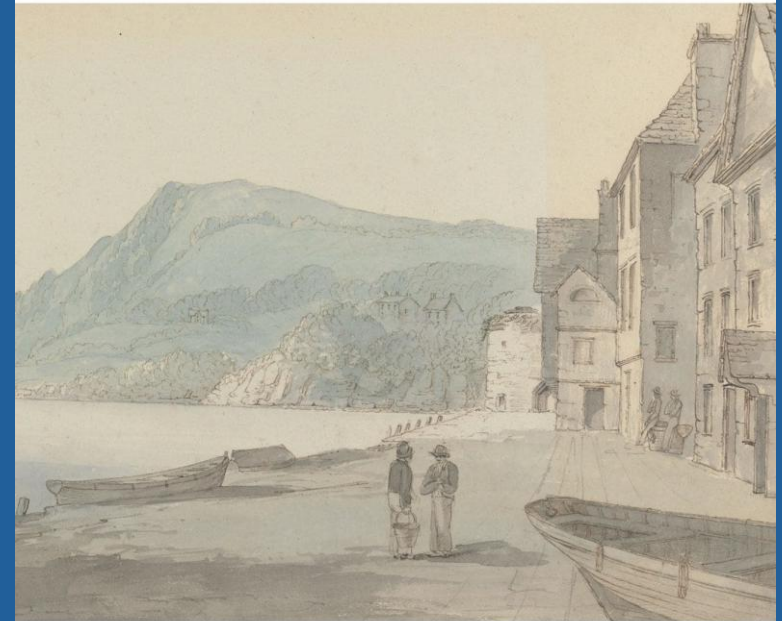
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Providence not only undertakes but perfects what concerns us. It goes through its designs and accomplishes what it begins. No difficulty clogs it, no cross accident falls into its way, but it carries its design through it. Its motions are irresistible and uncontrollable. He performs it for us (Flavel).

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