

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana
1689 Second London Baptist Confession
“Chapter 5, Of Divine Providence”
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- Introduction.
 - Definition of Providence:
 - The catechism says, “How does God execute His decrees? A. He executes His decrees in the works of creation and providence.”
- Paragraph 1: Description of the Doctrine.
 - The Person.
 - “Uphold” - Preservation.
 - “Dispose and Govern” - Government.
 - “Direct” - Concurrence.
 - Things directed by concurrence. “from the greatest even to the least”
 - Impersonal Creation: Ps 148:8; Job 37:6-13; Ps 104:14; Matt 5:45
 - Animals: Ps 104:27-29; Matt 10:29
 - Random Events: Prov 16:33
 - Nations: Job 12:23; Ps 22:28; Acts 17:26; 14:16
 - Everyday Life: Matt 6:11; Phil 4:19; Ps 139:16; Job 14:5; Jer 1:5
 - The movements/choices human beings.
 - Our movements: Acts 17:28; our steps: Jer 10:23; Prov 20:24; Prov 16:9; Jer 10:23; success and failure: Ps 75:6-7.
 - Our hearts and desires: Ps 33:14-15; Phil 2:13
 - The Aim.
 - The Basis.
 - The Outcome.

- The Goodness and Mercy.
- Paragraph 2: First and Second Causes.
 - Meaning of first and second causes.
 - The word “contingently.” Look at 1 Kings 22:17-37.
- Paragraph 3: Ordinary Providence.
 - The word “ordinary”
 - God is free to work “without, above, and against them.”
- Some Practical Implications of Divine Providence.
 - First, it frees us from _____.
 - Second, it frees us from _____.
 - Third, it frees us from _____.
 - Fourth, it frees us from _____.
 - Fifth, it frees us from _____.