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- **Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 5- of Providence**

1. God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, (Heb. 1:3) direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, (Dan. 4:34–35, Ps. 135:6, Acts 17:25–26,28) from the greatest even to the least, (Matt. 10:29–31) by His most wise and holy providence, (Prov. 15:3, Ps. 104:24, Ps. 145:17) according to His infallible foreknowledge, (Acts 15:18, Ps. 94:8–11) and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, (Eph. 1:11) to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. (Isa. 63:14, Eph. 3:10, Rom. 9:17, Gen. 45:7, Ps. 145:7)

- **Isaiah 46:8-11**

Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels.

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.' From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.

- **Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 3- of God's Eternal Decree**

1. God from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: (Eph. 1:11, Rom. 11:33, Heb. 6:17, Rom. 9:15,18) yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, (James 1:13,17, 1 John 1:5) nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures; nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established. (Acts 2:23, Matt. 17:12, Acts 4:27–28, John 19:11, Prov. 16:33)

## II. “Sunergeo”: Greek word for “work together”

- **Doctrine of Concurrence:**

The fact of two or more events or circumstances happening or existing at the same time.

- **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- **Romans 8:7-8**

The mind set on the flesh (the natural or sinful mind) is hostile toward God! It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so (i.e. has no ability to do so). Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

- **The Doctrine of Effectual Calling:**

- **Genesis 1:3**

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

- **Hebrews 11:3**

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

- **Definition of Purpose:**

A desired end, a planned consequence.

III. **Psalm 119:67**

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.

- **Psalm 119:71**

It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

- **Isaiah 30:20-21**

Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. 21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

- **James 1:2-4**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.