

Introduction

- I. The only right way to view our lives is through the lens of Scripture.
- II. Lord's Day 10 is part of the explanation of the first article of the Apostles' Creed.

The Lord Reigns

I. A Universal Rule

- A. As believers we see all that happens through the lens of providence, which is the powerful rule of God to *uphold* and *govern* heaven, earth, and all creatures.

- B. The believing perspective is that all things *come, not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.*

II. An Advantageous Rule

- A. The believer who sees life from the perspective of providence responds to what God sends with patience and gratitude - "patient in adversity and thankful in prosperity."

- B. Seeing and knowing God's providence means we have confidence in a future that is unknown to because we have a Father who knows and controls.

III. A Purposeful Rule

- A. When we see God's providence rightly, we live by Romans 8:28, 29. The highest goal and desire for me is not my happiness, but that I am conformed to the image of His Son.

- B. In the end, God is working all things for the glory of His name – Isaiah 43:7.