

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **27. What do you understand by the providence of God?**

The almighty, everywhere-present power of God,<sup>1</sup> whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures,<sup>2</sup> and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought,<sup>3</sup> fruitful and barren years, meat and drink,<sup>4</sup> health and sickness,<sup>5</sup> riches and poverty,<sup>6</sup> indeed, all things come not by chance,<sup>7</sup> but by His fatherly hand.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jer 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28; <sup>2</sup> Heb 1:3; <sup>3</sup> Jer 5:24; <sup>4</sup> Acts 14:15-17; <sup>5</sup> Jn 9:3; <sup>6</sup> Job 1:21; Ps 103:19; Prov 22:2; Rom 5:3-5; <sup>7</sup> Prov 16:33; <sup>8</sup> Mt 10:29; Eph 1:1