LORD'S DAY 10

OF GOD THE FATHER

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

The almighty, everywhere-present power of God, whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness. riches and poverty, indeed, all things come to us not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

Acts 17:25-26 Jeremiah. 5:24; Acts 14:17

Proverbs 22:2; Psalm 103:19; Romans 5:3-5a

Q 28. What does it profit us to know that God created, and by His providence upholds, all things?

A. That we may be

Hebrews 1:3

patient in adversity,
thankful in prosperity,
and for what is future
have good confidence in our faithful God and Father,
that no creature shall separate us from His love,
since all creatures are so in His hand,
that without His will
they cannot so much as move.

John 9:3

Romans 5:3; James 1:3; Job 1:21. Deuteronomy. 8:10; I Thessalonians 5:18 Romans 8:35, 38-39 Job 1:12; Acts 17:25-28; Proverbs 21:1

Psalm 71:7; II Corinthians 1:10

I suggest using a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. When we meet it will help to have something written that you can refer back to as we discuss the lessons and pray for each other.

As we enter the second part of the catechism our attention turns from our sin to our deliverance. Write down two or three attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ from each week's lesson.

LORD'S DAY 10: March 5 – March 11, 2017

SUNDAY: read questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: Look up the word "providence" in a dictionary. What word do you see with providence that gives a clue to its meaning? Again what separates the Christian from the Deist or the Fatalist?

TUESDAY: Bad things happen.

How does the doctrine of Providence help you when they do? What are some verses that come to mind when you are facing a bad thing?

WEDNESDAY: Good things happen.

How does the doctrine of Providence make you thankful? What are some verses that come to mind when a good thing happens?

THURSDAY: We can't see the future and we live in a world affected by sin. How does the doctrine of Providence give you confidence as you face the future? What are some verses that calm you when facing the unknown?

FRIDAY: Would the doctrine of Providence be comforting to someone who is still God's enemy?

SATURDAY: read the corresponding essay in *THE GOOD NEWS WE ALMOST FORGOT*