

## Doctrine of Providence- Part 5

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### God preserves Creation- holding it all together

Hebrews 1:3 and upholding all things by the word of his power,

Acts 17:25 he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being;

**God knows all-** these texts say that God has knowledge of all that is; but they do not say anything about knowledge of the future (although here are many verses that prophecy future events) These verses do not say God's knowledge changes or is conditional. However, God Himself does not change and He is perfect. Wouldn't that mean He learns nothing new?

Matthew 10:29 one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Acts 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Psalm 94:8 10 he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? 11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity

John 21:15 Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee... Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee

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### God's Judgment, causing destruction

Isaiah 10:6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

2 Kings 19:28 Because thy rage [Sennacherib of Assyria Isa 10:6) against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

2 Chronicles 32:25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. 26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah. 31 Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him that he might know all that was in his heart.

Amos 9:8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord. 9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.