

August 8

## Ruler of All Nature

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*The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord. ([Proverbs 16:33](#))*

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In modern language we would say, "The dice are rolled on the table, and every play is decided by God."

In other words, there are no events so small that he does not rule them for his purposes. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?" Jesus said. "And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered" ([Matthew 10:29-30](#)).

Every role of the dice in Las Vegas, every tiny bird that falls dead in a thousand forests — all of this is God's command.

In the book of Jonah, God commands a fish to swallow a man (1:17), he commands a plant to grow for shade (4:6), and he commands a worm to kill it (4:7).

And far above the life of fish and worms, the stars take their place and hold their place at God's command.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ([Isaiah 40:26](#))

How much more, then, the natural events of this world — from weather to disasters to disease to disability to death.

His law he enforces;  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean  
proclaim him divine.

("Let All Things Now Living," Katherine Davis)

Let us therefore stand in awe and be at peace, knowing that no natural event is outside of God's wise and good purposes, and perfect control.

