

Bible Minor
Theology 1: Doctrines of Creation and Man
Class 02: Creation and Providence (Part 2)

Class Schedule (90 minutes total)

****Please arrive on time****

10-15 minutes	Fellowship at your table (get to know each other)
15 minutes	Pre-Video Discussion Questions
30-40 minutes	Class via Video
10-15 minutes	Post-Video Discussion Questions
5 minutes	Closing Thoughts and Dismissal

Feel free to stay around and hang out after class

Pre-Video Discussion Questions

1. Read the following statement from our church leaders: *“Understanding the working together of God’s divine control (sovereignty) and human freewill will take a lifetime to understand. For some of you, this will be the first time you think through it. For others, you will be thinking through it a little more deeply. Let’s listen to the Scriptures taught today and think deeply about how man’s freewill and God’s sovereignty can co-exist.”*
2. To the best of your ability with your group, define what it means that God is sovereign.
3. To the best of your ability with your group, define what it means that man has freewill.
4. With your group, write down 2-3 sentences describing how God’s sovereignty and man’s freewill operate together.

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. There are two aspects of providence: preservation and governance. Explain a few ways God preserves His creation.
2. The second aspect of providence is governance. Think through and discuss the following statement, “Scripture also affirms that God providentially works in history, guiding all events to his intended ends.”
3. Discuss the following statement with your group, “Many maintain that God somehow ordains the evil acts that sinners do, yet because they do it willingly, God is not the author of it. This is called God working through secondary causes or working concurrently.” Use the following ways to think through it...
A. H. Strong, Systematic Theology author, sees a fourfold way in which God relates to evil:
 - Preventative (God prevents evil from happening)
 - Permissive (God lets evil happen)
 - Directive (God directs evil acts to accomplish good ends)
 - Determinative (God sets boundaries for evil)
4. What’s one thing you learned today and an action step you can take?