



God's ways at times are often confusing, frustrating, and mysterious.

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"

(Romans 11:33)

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) (ESV).

The term "Providence" is not found in the Bible (just as the word "Trinity" is not found) – but both Doctrines are definitely taught in the Bible. Providence comes from two Latin words: "PRO" and "VIDERE," meaning to look ahead, to foresee, to plan in advance.

It is the continued exercise of Divine Power whereby God preserves all His creatures, and where God is operative in all that comes to pass in the world.

God maintains and sustains ALL things.

God controls, rules and directs ALL things so that they come to fulfill their original design.

Matthew 6:25; Matthew 10:26-33; Psalm 135:6; Proverbs 15:3; Daniel 2:21-22; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 1:3

Much of the world believes that “Fate” governs the world – and much of the world is wrong!

How does the Providence of God relate to the Free Will of mankind?

God does not condone sin; He is not the author of sin.

James 1:13

God uses sin to accomplish His will.

Examples: Judas Iscariot, Joseph and his brothers (*Genesis chapters 37-50*)

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(1) God is the active controller of human events.

(2) God is frequently the unseen actor in life.

(3) God's timing of events is perfect.

(4) God's perfect plan will become plain and understandable, if we have the patience to wait on God.

Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 16:9; Proverbs 19:21

Romans 11:36 - "All that comes to pass is according to God's will and for His glory"