## Esther Lesson 1 - October 21/23, 2025

## **Providence: the Mystery of God's hand in History**

1) Discovering the Doctrine of Divine Providence

Providence in Latin can mean to foresee or to see toward. It means take the steps to make sure it happens. God's providence is how absolutely everything that needs to be done to bring about His intended purposes, He will see to it that it happens.

Is. 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure. In other words, God will see to it. He will provide

Am I going to receive this unpleasant providence with grace and trust in His character because I **know** that God does not send us two classes of providence, one good and one evil? All are good!

- 2) Does God ordain evil? (handout)
- 3) The Structure of the book of Esther