

SESSION 18

Providence

Instructor



Dr. Gene Haas grew up in Canada in a religious home but did not know the grace of salvation in Christ, after university, travelling in Europe for 8 months, Gene was converted to Christ at the age of twenty-two in the mountains of Switzerland. After returning to Canada, God led him to attend Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, where he earned the M.Div. and Th. M. degrees.

Returning to Canada, he was involved in a church plant, and taught at a Bible college for 4 years. During this time, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He moved to Toronto where he completed a doctorate in theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. After that, he was a Church Planting pastor for 5 years. He then accepted a position as Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer University, Ontario, Canada, where he taught for 28 years. He has been married for 39 years, and has two sons, and grandchildren.

Since his retirement from teaching at Redeemer University, he has been busy with research and writing, as well as frequent preaching at a variety of churches. He is also Chairman of the committee of the Eastern Canada Presbytery which guides and examines all candidates for the pastoral ministry. He has a deep passion for instructing candidates in the Bible and in theology, and for relating the Christian faith to contemporary issues of North American culture, especially in the area of ethics.

Goals

This 4 session course focuses on the Decrees of God and how He uses these to bring greater glory to Himself. The professor approaches this material by looking at Creation, Creation & Science, and how they are linked in Gods Providence for the world.

Sessions Overview

- 15. The Decrees of God
- 16. Creation
- 17. Creation & Science
- 18. Providence**

Session Summary

The doctrine of providence raises some difficult questions. People, and especially children of God who look for answers to these questions are called theologians. Are you ready to continue your theological activity in search for truth? The doctrine of providence answers questions related to God's involvement in creation.

Fill in the Blanks

1. What is the problem in a hyper-supernaturalism worldview?

2. Why can Deism not be correct?

3. Do you know other Bible texts that speaks for the doctrine of preservation?

4. In one sentence, describe in your own words what is the essence of 'concurance'.

5. What comfort can the doctrine of providence offer to those who are in danger of accusing God of the evil in the world?

6. According to the video, what are some of the benefits we can expect when we learn about the doctrine of providence?
