

CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S CONTROL

God's providence is God's **care** for and **control** over His creation. The biblical doctrine of God's providence tells us the truth about God's caring concern and involvement in the events and affairs of our everyday life.

God's **provision** for us helps us understand how we are to respond to God's care and guidance.

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Nehemiah 9:6 “You are the Lord, you alone; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them, and the host of heaven worships you.”

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These man-made answers and short-lived coping strategies **do not help us with reality**; each of them attempts to **redefine reality with us at the center**.

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3. **Peace** (Psalm 23): Run, Rehearse, and Rest

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

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