

**High Desert URC – Heidelberg Catechism Supplement**  
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\* Read each Heidelberg question and answer before discussing them according to the prompts below.

I. Question and Answer 27

*Considering what question and answer says about providence, what is a simple definition of this biblical doctrine? What Psalm speaks of this doctrine?*

Providence is the biblical doctrine that God is in complete control of everything that happens in the creation and among the actions of people. Psalm 139 speaks wonderfully of this doctrine.

*When tragic events like 911 or school shootings happen, does God will them?*

Yes. Anything that happens is God's decretive will. However, we don't always know why these things happen; God has not revealed why. Also, it's the fault of those who chose to commit atrocities; God does not cause people to sin.

II. Question and Answer 28

*What does this question and answer teach about the kind of attitude we should have when things good or bad happen to us?*

It teaches us that we should expect adverse things and learn patience. Also, when good things happen to us, we must demonstrate thankfulness.

III. Question and Answer 29

*What should we think about when we hear Jesus' name?*

We should think about Jesus being the one who saves us from our sins exclusively.

IV. Question and Answer 30

*What does question and answer 30 tell us about our worship of and devotion to Jesus?*

It teaches us that Jesus is the only object of our worship and our ultimate devotion. In effect, we deny Jesus if we worship idols of any sort. Jesus Christ is our only Savior and in him only do we find eternal life.