

was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God."

Luke 18:6-8 -- "And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge said; now shall not God bring about Justice for His elect, who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them speedily.'"

Matthew 7:7-8 -- "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened."

k. God's government in the exposure and punishment of the wicked

Psalms 7:11-13 -- "God is a righteous Judge,  
And a God who has indignation every day.  
If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword;  
He has bent His bow and made it ready.  
He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons;  
He makes His arrows fiery shafts."

Psalms 11 -- "In the Lord take refuge;  
How can you say to my soul, 'Flee as a bird to your mountain;  
For, behold, the wicked bend the bow,  
They make ready their arrow upon the string,  
To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.  
If the foundations are destroyed,  
What can the righteous do?'  
The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven;  
His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.  
The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked,  
And the one who loves violence His soul hates.  
Upon the wicked He will rain snares;  
Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.  
For the Lord is righteous; He loves righteousness;  
The upright will behold His face."

C. Development of the doctrine

1. God's Providence may be defined as His work of preserving and sustaining His creation; of upholding His creatures in the exercise of their powers; and of ruling, directing, and overruling all things according to His purposes and Plan.

God preserves, upholds, and rules all things for His glory.

However, although divine providence includes all three of these aspects, the one we usually intend when we speak of God's