

# HOW GOD WORKS IN THE WORLD

## God's Will

What God wants done—  
He works through....

Natural  
Order

Miracles

Providence

## God's Actions

God set into action through Creation a normal working of His universe. He also revealed His expectations of people through His Word and people's consciences.

God breaks into the natural order to respond to the expressed needs of people.

God overrules the natural order to accomplish an act that people may or may not have requested.

## Examples from Esther

God gave Esther beauty.

God allowed Esther to speak to the king.

God allowed Mordecai to overhear a plot.

Esther planned a way to save her people.

The people prayed and fasted.

Mordecai trusted God to accomplish the impossible in human terms.

## Action We Can Take

Can make plans based on the order and dependability of God's creation. Know and obey His Words.

Can ask God to intervene in certain affairs while realizing that our knowledge and perspective are limited.

Can trust that God is in control even when circumstances seem to indicate that He is not.

What people want done—  
they either....

Plan

Pray

Trust  
and Obey

## People's Will

....OR....

Disobey

Demand

Despair

## Mistakes We Can Make

Can violate the natural order, disobey God's commands.

Can assume that we understand what is needed and expect God to agree and answer our prayers that way.

Can assume God doesn't answer prayer or respond to our needs and live as though there is nothing but the natural order.