

Westminster

Shorter Catechism

Q7: What are the decrees of God?

Answer: The decrees of God are His eternal plan, according to the counsel of His will. Whereby, for His own glory, He has foreordained whatever comes to pass, yet in such a way as to be in no way the author of sin.

"The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations."

Psalm 33:11 (ESV)

"...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."

Acts 2:23 (ESV)

"In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:11-12 (ESV)