

John Wesley: On Divine Providence
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"Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Luke 12:7

[T]his strong expression . . . need not imply . . . that God does literally number as the hairs that are on the heads of all his creatures: But it is a proverbial expression, implying, that nothing is so small or insignificant in the sight of men as not to be an object of the care and providence of God, before whom nothing is small that concerns the happiness of any of his creatures.

— John Wesley

5 Foundations of Divine Providence

God is (1) _____ and (2) the _____ (*Gen. 1*) and (3) the _____ of all things (*Job 12:10, Heb 1:3*).

God is also (4) _____ (*Jer. 23:23-24*).

Finally Wesley adds that “[God] is infinite in (5) _____ as well as in power: And all his wisdom is continually employed in managing all the affairs of his creation for the good of all his creatures.” (*See Psalm 147:5 and Rom 11:33–36*.)

Because “nothing is small that concerns the happiness of any of [God’s] creatures”:

It is more than appropriate to place our whole _____ in the Lord our God.

Along with our confidence God should receive our _____ for the care he gives us through his providence.

We should walk _____ and _____ with our God.

We should recognize the _____ present for those who believe that God does not care for them.

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