

holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass. What could be a stronger statement of Calvinism than that? Chapter five, 'Of Providence', the first section, " God the great Creator of all things, doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy." How about this last year, or year before, these two chapters were discussed and this great outstanding point of Calvinism was made clear and its implications examined with it. It is very vital in our whole system of doctrine. It is not my subject tonight. My subject is chapter nine which is entitled 'Of Free Will'. Now there are people who think that Calvinism means that you believe that God has ordained all things that come to pass. And that God has selected those who are to be saved. And Arminianism means that man decides what is going to happen, that man works that man wills, now on the other hand you have God doing everything and we doing nothing. And on the other hand you have man doing everything and God a little sort of helper along the way. Some people will even say, when you are praying you should be a Calvinist and then when you get up to work you should be an Arminian. Now such statements as that show an utter misunderstanding of Calvinism. Calvinism is not an extreme emphasis or an over emphasis or an exclusive emphasis on one side of it. Calvinism is the recognition of the ^{bounds} backgrounds-and the emphasis on both sides of the picture. Calvinism believes in two matters. It believes over here in the absolute sovereignty of God. It believes that God from all eternity freely and unchangeably has ordained whatever comes to pass. That it is all a part of his will. That it is all in accordance with his purpose. That he has found it and it is going to be exactly as he desires it to be. ~~That~~ **problem** Calvinism equally believes, even we though with our finite minds do not understand how the two fit together. Calvinism equally believes that God has put man here and indulges with certain powers, with certain capacities with certain abilities. Unless God holds man responsible for the use which he