**How God Works In The World**

**God's Will**

- **What God wants done—He works through....**
  - Natural Order
    - 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.
  - Miracles
    - God breaks into the natural order to respond to the expressed needs of people.
  - Providence
    - God overrules the natural order to accomplish an act that people may or may not have requested.

**God's Actions**

- **Examples from Esther**
  - God gave Esther beauty.
  - 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.

**People's Will**

- **What people want done—they either....**
  - Plan
  - Pray
  - Trust and Obey

**Mistakes We Can Make**

- Disobey
  - Can violate the natural order, disobey God's commands.
- Demand
  - Can assume that we understand what is needed and expect God to agree and answer our prayers that way.
- Despair
  - Can assume God doesn’t answer prayer or respond to our needs and live as though there is nothing but the natural order.