THE WILL OF GOD

PROPERTIES OF GOD'S WILL

- God loves himself necessarily.
- The eternal, total sharing of the divine nature among the three divine persons is necessary with the necessity of the divinity.

NECESSITY

FREEDOM

GOD LOVES AND WILL THE CREATION OF ALL CREATURES WITH PERFECT FREEDOM

- He was free to create or not create at all.
- He was free to create this world or another world.
- He is free, consistent with his wisdom and goodness, to sustain the world in existence and to confer on creatures the benefits he wills.

ANALYSIS

OMNIPOTENCE

- God's will is almighty.
  "No word shall be impossible with God." Luke 1:37
  He can do anything that does not contradict his nature or attributes.

SUPREME DOMINION

- Flowing from its omnipotence, God has unlimited right over government, unlimited dominion over all creatures.
  This requires unrestrained obedience from rational creatures.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD'S WILL

- God is infinitely just.
  "You are just, O Lord, and have loved justice." Psalm 118:137

- God is infinitely merciful.
  The single most stressed divine attribute in the Scriptures.
  The Gospels reveal Christ as the incarnation of God's mercy.