The Providence of God and the hypostasis of evil in Calvin’s theology

Abstract
Calvin’s Theodicy has been substantially ignored or simply negated until now on the assumption that the issues raised by the modern problem of evil and Calvin’s discussion on Providence and evil are different. The unspoken premise underlying this conviction is that theodicy would be a modern problem, since earlier formulations in no way attempted to justify God’s actions. The goal of the present article decisively goes in the opposite direction. It aims to shed light on the doctrine on Providence of God which constitutes the basic presupposition of Calvin’s attempt to defend God’s justice.