Of the Lord's Will or Permission?

The Lord foresees and sees all things and every individual thing…
though some things arise from His permission, some from His concession,
some from His consent, some from His good pleasure, and some from His will.
(*Arcana Coelestia* 1755)

Brainstorm a list of events that happen in the world such as the birth of a baby, a hurricane devastating a city, *etc.*

Which of these things seem to be of the Lord's will?

Which seem more likely to be evils that the Lord permits (to protect human freedom) but certainly does not will to happen?

Indicate your answer by placing an X or check on the left side of the row if the event seems to be of the Lord's will and toward the right side if you would guess that it is from His permission.

Kind of Event	Will	Permission
Example: a thief robbing a church		**X**

Why might it be easier to guess at which things arise from the Lord's will or from His permission rather than somewhere in the middle of the "spectrum" such as from His concession, His consent, or His good pleasure?