

Providence

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Introduction

1. Text Gen 50:20; Esther 4:14-16
2. The providence of God is an interesting subject.
3. The word providence is used once Acts 24:2 and is used of what one man has done for another.
4. Providence is defined as the unceasing activity of the Creator whereby, in overflowing bounty and goodwill, He upholds His creatures in ordered existence, guides and governs all events, circumstances, and free acts of angels and men, and directs everything to its appointed goal, for His own glory.
5. Remember that man has a free choice Joshua 24:15; Matthew 6:24; 12:30
6. Let us also remember that there is a difference between providence and miracles.
 1. Miracles cannot be done today. 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
7. Let us notice God's Providence for man

II Discussion

1. God is the Great Giver
 1. John 3:16
 2. James 1:17
 3. Romans 6:23; 8:32; 11:29
 4. Ephesians 4:8
 5. 1 Timothy 6:17
2. Examples of God's Providence
 1. Joseph Genesis 45:4-8
 2. Esther 4:13-14
 3. Jesus and His death on the cross Gal 4:4
 4. Paul (going to Rome) Romans 1:11-15; Philippians 1:12-14; 4:19; Ephesians 3:20
 5. Matthew 6:33
3. How does God work
 1. God rules in the kingdom of men Daniel 4:17, 25, 32 ;5:21
 2. God knows how to do this 2 Peter 2:9
 3. God blesses all Matthew 5:43-48
 4. God blesses His people Romans 8:28; Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 3:20
 5. God works on the sinners heart through the Word John 16:7-13

III Conclusion

1. We must be seeking the Lord and His kingdom first. Matthew 6:33
2. God loves us and gladly provides for us 2 Corinthians 9:8
3. The righteous will not be forsaken Psalm 37:25
4. We must trust in God. Proverbs 3:5-6

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