

## GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE

**God's Providence- divine guidance, foresight and care, a supplying beforehand.**

God's providence is one of His greatest sustaining gifts. He sees our need and supplies that need before it occurs. We see this physically concerning his creation and most importantly to the Child of God he supplies this need spiritually. Concerning creation, this providence maintains and provides (**Gen. 1:14**) **and God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years:** God developed a pattern concerning the season's. In these seasons he determined that the sun and moon would provide light to distinguish day and night. We also see Gods Provision for food as he provides for human and animal. (**Gen. 1:29-30**) **29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food: 30 and to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food: and it was so.** After the world was destroyed in the days of Noah, God reaffirmed His providence in caring for his creation. In (**Gen 8:22**) **While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.** God declares as long as the world exist that it will run in the pattern which He has established. In **Matt 6** Christ speaks to the fact that God provides for the fowl's of the air and the lilies of the field. (**Psalm 36:6**) **Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O Lord, You preserve man and beast.** God's care not only involves caring for his physical creation which he does undeniably. But God's providence is extended to us concerning our spiritual survival. (**John3:16-17**) **16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him.** The Bible from cover to cover is the providence of God. It provides instruction, comfort, care and foresight. God saw the need for humanity to have a better way and a better hope, so he supplied us with a Savior. Because he loved us and cared for us; he gave us the sustaining gift of His only begotten son, Jesus Christ. He knew the New Covenant had to be established, so by his foresight he sent the Apostles in to all the world teaching all nations (**Matt 28:19**). This teaching provided humanity with all the instruction needed and is extended to us with the complete inspired Word of God. This providential care is not something we must have doubt's about. Notice the story of the Apostle Paul in **Acts Chapter 27** concerning the storm at sea **Verse 14 says there was a tempest wind, Verse 18 says they were tossed by the tempest Verse 19 they threw their gear overboard Verse 20 All hope was taken away,** imagine if you can, the situation they find themselves in. **Verse 21-25 21 And when they had been long without food, then Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have set sail from Crete, and have gotten this injury and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer; for there shall be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I serve, 24 saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must stand before Caesar: and lo, God hath granted thee all them that sail with thee. 25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken unto me.** Paul, a prisoner on this ship, was free from living in fear because he had firmly planted his feet in God's word and without a doubt understood the providence of God. **Verse 25 FOR I BELIEVE GOD that it shall be even as it was told to me.** God said it, and that settles it. Paul wasn't concerned with how abysmal things looked. God told him he was going to be brought before Caesar and Paul said **"I believe God."** It was settled, because God said so. Throughout these trial's Paul faced, God was working his providential care. Paul said in **Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God"** and in **Acts 27:25** he said **"I believe God."** We to can know that God will work for good in our life. The results of God's providence aren't always right in front of us, it

may be years down the road and it may be out of our lifetime. Concerning Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob **Hebrews 11:13** says **These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** Likewise for the Child of God by faith we to can say just as the Apostle Paul. I believe God, it will be just as He told me.

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