

The Foundation of Our Faith - Theology
The Providence of God

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. How does knowing that God is in control, change how we approach trials and difficulty in our lives?
2. What difficulty have you faced in your past that you can now see that God has a purpose for it? Explain!

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Philippians 3:20

Thought:

Tuesday – Proverbs 16:1, 3-4. 9, 33

Thought:

Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 12:1-6, 11

Thought:

Thursday – John 10:10-11, 27-30

Thought:

Friday – Romans 8:28-29

Thought:

Saturday – James 1:13-15

Sunday – “God’ Providence & Sin”

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Proverbs 16:1, 3-4, 9, 33
(*Philippians 3:20 – He is in control*)

I. The Definition of Providence

- A. “The continuing action of God in preserving His creation & guiding it toward its intended purpose.” (*Christian Theology* by Millard Erickson)

II. The Foundation For God’s Providence – Creation

- A. Acts 17:24-28
B. Nehemiah 9:6 – God created everything

III. The Two Aspects of God’s Providence

- A. **Preservation** – God maintains the creation He brought into existence.

1. Physical Life – Colossians 1:15-17 (Hebrews 1:3; Philippians 4:19; Mathew 6:25-34)

2. Spiritual Life – John 10:10-11, 27-30

- B. **Government** – God is actively involved in achieving His purpose in His creation & sin cannot prevent His purpose.

1. Nature – Psalm 135:5-7, Luke 8:25
2. Animals – Psalm 104:21-30, The Lions (Daniel 6:21-22), The Ravens (1 Kings 17:2-6), The Great fish (Jonah 1:17)
3. Human History & Nations – Acts 17:24-26, Daniel 2:19-21, 4:24-25
4. Lives of individual people – Philippians 2:13, Jeremiah 1:5, Acts 8:26, 16:9-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-6, 11; Psalm 33:13-15
5. Circumstances – Proverbs 16:3-4, 9, 33; Romans 8:28-29
6. Man still has a responsibility to act – Proverbs 16:1, 9, 19:21

Lessons:

God is aware of all we do
God is active in our lives
Life is not by chance!

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