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Rom 8:27-28

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

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**God is still working
today!**

**Life is a work in
progress!**

GOD'S Providence
And
CARE

Providence of GOD

- **Definition**
- **Description**
- **Does it exist today?**
- **Does it work among us today?**

Providence of GOD

The continuous activity of God in His creation by which He preserves and governs. The doctrine of providence affirms God's absolute lordship over His creation and confirms the dependence of all creation on the Creator. It is the denial of the idea that the universe is governed by chance or fate.

Through His Providence God

■ controls the universe (Ps 103:19)

Ps 103:19-22

19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts,
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Through His Providence God

■ Controls the Physical World

Matt 5:45-46

**45 that you may be sons of your
Father in heaven; for He makes His
sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the just and on the
unjust.**

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Through His Providence God

- Gives the faithful security and hope

Psa 4:1-8

**8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
For *You alone, O LORD, make me dwell
in safety.***

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Providence of GOD

■ HE CARES FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

Ps 37:23-26

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the LORD upholds him with His hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lends;
And his descendants are blessed.

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1 Peter 5:5-7

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, **for He cares for you.**

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Providence of GOD

■ HE CARES FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

Matt 6:31-34

31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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Providence of GOD

■ HE CARES FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

Rom 8:26-29

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

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Providence of GOD

- The end result stresses the **SPIRITUAL GOOD**, not just the material things.

BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE

James 1:2-8

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Providence of GOD

Faith Triumphs in Trouble

Rom 5:1-5

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 **And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.** 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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Providence of GOD

- DOES NOT BIND NOR PREVENT SATAN AND EVIL DEEDS FROM HAPPENING

1 Peter 5:8-11

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

REMEMBER JOB!

Providence of GOD

■ REQUIRES MAN COOPERATION

- WE MUST WORK FOR AND OBTAIN OUR FOOD

2 Thess 3:10-11

10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

WE MUST WORKOUT OUR SALVATION

Phil 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

To enjoy GOD'S PROVIDENCE WE MUST

- Seek His Will
- Study and APPLY His Will
- Make our PLANS and LIVES submissive to HIS PLAN.
 - UNDERSTAND THAT GOD'S WILL MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM OUR WANTS.
- Be Thankful for HIS PROVISIONS

**DO YOU NEED TO
ACCEPT THE
SALVATION THAT
GOD'S PROVIDENCE
HAS PROVIDED?**

Gospel Meeting White Park Church of Christ

D.J. Dickerson, Guest Speaker

APRIL 25 – APRIL 28, 2018 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Bible Class 9:45 AM Sunday AM Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Afternoon Singing 2:30 PM

Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM