# 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 physical illness in our lives?
- 2. How does this truth help us view difficult people in our lives?

#### **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 – Philippians 2:13, Jeremiah 1:5

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Thursday – John 10:10-11, 27-30

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Friday - Romans 8:28-29

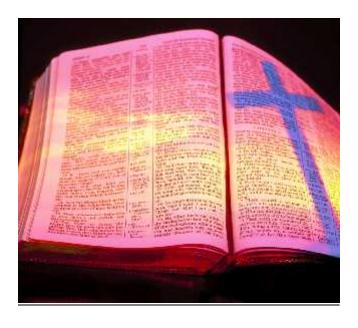
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Saturday - Daniel 6:21-22, Jonah 1:17

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*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
- 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. <u>Animals</u> 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. <u>Circumstances</u> Proverbs 16:3-4, 9, 33; Romans 8:28-29
    - 6. Man still has a responsibility to act Proverbs 16:1, 9, 19:21

#### IV. God and Sin

- A. God does not cause sin James 1:13-15
- **B.** God controls sin
  - 1. He Prevents it Genesis 20:6
  - 2. He Permits it Romans 1:21-28, Psalm 81:11-12

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- 3. He Directs it Genesis 37:18-22, 50:19-20
- 4. He Limits it Job 1:12, 1 Corinthians 10:13

#### **Lessons:**

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

### **NOTES**