



Life and Growth by The Providence of God

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The Providence of God

Ephesians 1:4 ...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love

⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

Ephesians 1:11 ...we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 2:10 ... we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, But the counsel of the LORD, it will stand.

James 4:15 ...*you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

Genesis 45:4 ..."I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

⁵ "And now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Genesis 50:20 ...as for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Luke 22:22 ...the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

²³ this *Man*, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

Our Response to The Providence of God

Acts 4:27 ...truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

²⁸ to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.

²⁹ "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence

Matthew 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

³⁰ "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹ "Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Romans 12:1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

1 Corinthians 6:19 ...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have *it* abundantly.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Spiritual Growth by The Providence of God

"Providential Means of Grace"

Things God does or allows to happen to us to grow us

God uses everything to grow us into the image of Christ.

The effectiveness of these means is based on our response to each circumstance which should always include trust, worship, thankfulness, and obedience.

Romans 8:28 ...we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren

³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

13. Pleasurable circumstances

Romans 2:4 ...do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

14. Adverse circumstances

Hebrews 12:5 ..."My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him;

⁶ For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives."

12:10...He *disciplines us* for *our* good, that we may share His holiness.

¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

15. Temptation

James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

⁴ And let endurance have *its* perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

16. Persecution

1 Peter 1:5 (we) are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

⁷ that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ

Pregnancy by The Providence of God

Exodus 4:11 ... "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

Job 31:15 "Did not He who made me in the womb make him, And the same one fashion us in the womb?"

Psalms 119:73 Thy hands made me and fashioned me;...

Psalms 127:3 Behold, children are a gift of the LORD;...

Psalms 139:13 For Thou didst form my inward parts;
Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained *for me*,
When as yet there was not one of them.

Isaiah 44:2 Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb,

Isaiah 64:8 ... all of us are the work of Thy hand.

Jeremiah 1:4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Galatians 1:15 But when He who had set me apart, *even* from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, ...

Luke 1:41 ...it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb...

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