

GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Ruth 2:1-23

I. **God's providence is seen in how He guides us (1-3).**

Proverbs 16:9: A man's heart plans his way, **but the Lord directs his steps.**

Acts 8:27-28a: So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, **was returning.**

II. **God's providence is seen in how He protects us (4-13).**

Deuteronomy 31:6: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; **for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you.** He will not leave you nor forsake you.

2 Thessalonians 3:3: But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you **and guard you from the evil one.**

III. **God's providence is seen in how He provides for us (14-17).**

Psalms 78:23-25: Yet He had commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven, had rained down manna on them to eat, and given them of the bread of heaven. **Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.**

Matthew 6:26, 30: Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; **yet your heavenly Father feeds them.** Are you not of more value than they? 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, **will He not much more clothe you,** O you of little faith?

IV. **God's providence is seen in how He redeems us (18-23).**

Romans 8:28-31: 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. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

Ephesians 1:4-6: just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, **having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace,** by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.