

The Divine Providence And Sovereignty Of Almighty God

Divine *providence*; the care and superintendence (have charge and oversight of) which God exercises over His creatures.

By divine *providence*, is often understood 'God Himself.' A belief in divine *providence*, is a source of great consolation to the ones who truly believe in God.

Providence; divine guidance; the care or benevolent guidance of God; God the Provider; God as the guiding power of the Universe.

True believers in God, believe in the trinity, consisting of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let's look in the Word of God to better understand this precious truth; I John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, (Christ) and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

The providence of God is His care over all His works as we can very well see in His precious Word. The following Scriptures shed light on this fact that is undeniable.

Sovereignty; God is Supreme Ruler; The First and most Powerful one;
Revelation 1:8 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

God is Omniscient; All-Knowing (I Corinthians 2:19-11); He is Omnipotent All-Powerful (Luke 1:35); He is Omnipresent; present everywhere at the same time (Psalms 139:7-13). He is in absolute control, everywhere, all of the time. Of course many people do not think so. Let's look into the Word of God ;

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13; "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before Him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God." Comment: Evil men must not think that they will suffer the consequence of their evil deeds because their heart is fully set to do anything they please. Many do not have any respect for human life. Just think of the millions of precious babies slaughtered by way of abortion, inside and outside the womb by wicked, cruel, and evil men and women. The leaders who are in control of our nation today, for the most part do not seem to have any fear of God at all because of their evil deeds, such as providing aid for the abortionist, and condoning homosexuality. Many of them are for same-sex marriage. The following applies to a nation as well as an individual.

Proverbs 29:1-2 "He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

Our nation has been reprov'd via the floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, drought and my other destructive things that have happened in the last few years. They are called natural disasters by many, maybe so in one sense of the word, but I see most of them as God's judgments, because of sin, especially national sins. Entire nations as well as

individuals have to be judged.

Psalms 5:4-5 For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Thee. The foolish shall not stand in Thy sight: Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The New Jerusalem is fully described in Revelation 21:10 through 22:5. It is being prepared for as the habitation of the bride of Christ. *Out of heaven* showing its divine origin, *from God* showing its divine purpose.

God will be present, in New Jerusalem, on the new earth and in the Heaven of Heavens all the time because He will still be Omni-present then, just as He is now. He never changes. That should not be hard for any Christian to understand who knows anything about God's Word. I don't fully understand that, and many other things, but I believe ALL His Word. I accept it all by faith. Faith is taking God at His Word about any, and everything. Amen!

He provides for His creatures

Psalms 136:25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for His mercy endureth forever.

Psalms 147: 9 He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Psalms 145:9 The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.

He preserves His creation

Nehemiah 9:6 Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone, Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and Thou preserveth them all; and the host of heaven worshipeth Thee.

Psalms 36:6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, Thou preserveth man and beast.

Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

God's providence is Universal And He Is Always In Complete Control

Psalms 103:19 The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Psalms 47:2 For the Lord most high is terrible (awesome); He is a great King over all the earth.

Jeremiah 27:5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto. (meet, proper to). Let's look at a portion of Jeremiah's prayer as recorded in chapter 32 verses 17-19 & 26-27.

Ah Lord God! Behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee. Thou shewest loving-kindness unto thousands, and recompensest (repay) the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is His name. Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for Thine eyes are upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to the fruit of his doings:

Verses 26-27 Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah saying, *Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for Me?*

God is Omnipotent (Almighty) Revelation 19:6., He is Omniscient (all-seeing) and He is Omnipresence (present in all places at the same time). God is absolutely unlimited.

Lamentations 3:21-24 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in Him.

He has never, and never will fail anyone, at any time regardless of time or circumstance. He is always faithful and His mercies are absolutely beyond our comprehension.

II Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.

Blessed, a term of adoration and praise. God is characterized by mercies. The mercies described here includes deliverance from the world, sin, and the devil, into life and light in Christ Jesus.

He preserves all true believers in Christ Jesus

Psalms 37:28 For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

To have complete assurance of salvation, all one has to do is take God at His Word. If one does not fully trust God's Word, in reality it really rules out a genuine profession faith in Christ. We are saved totally by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ or we are not saved at all. His one offering, the shedding of His precious, innocent, and incorruptible blood, suffering and dying such a cruel death on the cross, with our sins upon Himself, paying our sin debt in full, taking our place, completely satisfying God's every demand forever. Praise His Holy Name forever!!!

John 3:16 Is the gospel in a nutshell, as some has said. That is very true, for in this verse anyone can find the way of Salvation, also blessed assurance.

“For God so loved the world. that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

God Orders man's life, He has given His rule of law and none can change it

Psalms 75:6-7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another.

This Scripture also speaks of God's Sovereignty. He is supreme and the Supreme Ruler and is highest in authority and preeminent above all. He is self-contained and self-controlled. He can do anything He wants to do, anytime He wants to do it, involving whomsoever He wills to involve. He is always right about everything, all of the time.

The following Scriptures speak of God's Sovereignty;

"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of Hosts; I am the First, and the Last; and beside Me there is no God. (Isaiah 44:6).

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. (Revelation 4:11).

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is Mine, and the fullness thereof. (Psalms 50:12).

That men may know that Thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth. (Psalms 83:8).

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20:3).

For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36).

.....whatsoever is under the whole heaven is Mine. (Job 41:11).

Matthew Henry once said, "The clearer sight we have of the Sovereignty and power of Heaven, the less shall we fear the calamities of the earth." Believe me, we are seeing plenty of them in these days, the worst is yet to come. Do not despair, there are much brighter days ahead for all who know the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. Just keep looking up He could come for His own any moment and deliver us from this present evil world, to live in peace forever, and enjoy the things He has in store for us. Most of all we will be praising, worshipping, and serving Him perfectly in a brand new perfect body we then will have.

But, it is indeed sad, and heart breaking, to even think of all who will be left behind to suffer the wrath of God that will be poured out upon them. It isn't God's will that any should perish. God cannot save anyone who is unwilling to trust Him. He gives all an opportunity to be saved. It is up to each individual to repent, turn from their wicked ways, and trust Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. No one will be able to give God a legitimate excuse for not being saved. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," (Titus 2:11). To be saved one must see himself lost, doomed, without any hope, then surrender all to the Lord Jesus Christ, and trust Him 100% for Salvation. He then will gloriously, and graciously save by His marvelous, wonderful grace.

Genesis 18:25 ".....Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" This was spoken when Abraham was interceding for Sodom. God is the Judge of all the earth and He is always right." He is the One and only Perfect Judge of all men, and nations.

Joseph, making himself known to his brothers;

Genesis 45:5 & 7

Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God

did send me before you to preserve life. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

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

Note: To them that love God, (the saved). To them who are the called (genuine born-again believers in Christ). All things, and that is exactly what He says, He said it and that settles it, therefore we should believe it.

Praise God for His precious Word, given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, preserved for us in the blessed King James Version of the Bible. It is absolutely trustworthy for all.

God Is Always In Control & Preserving The Course Of Nature, And Ruling The Elements

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

These seasons will continue as long as the earth remains, according to His eternal Word.

Psalms 119:89 For ever, OH LORD, Thy word is settled in heaven.

His Word is well established forever in Heaven.

Job 26:10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. (He is in control of the waters, and they cannot go beyond their bounds without His permission). God is always in complete control.

Psalms 104:5-9 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which Thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

God is absolutely in control of all the elements all of the time. He keeps everything in order, the sun, moon, all the stars and galaxies, and every thing in the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 1:5-7 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose . The wind goeth toward the south and turneth about unto the north; it whirlleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to its circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

People then who were not familiar with God's Word didn't find out about the directions of the winds over the earth until the 1800's. They could have found the information in the Bible, written in about 1000 B.C.

Job 37:5-13 God thundereth marvelously with His voice; great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend. For He saith to the snow, Be thou upon the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of His strength. He seaeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know His work. Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places. Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north. By the breath of

God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straightened. Also by watering He wearieth the thick cloud: He scattereth His bright cloud: And it is turned round about by His counsels: that they may do whatsoever He commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for His land, or for mercy. Verse 23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find Him out: He is excellent in power, and in judgment, and plenty of justice: He will not afflict (oppress or persecute). Job 38:24-27 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? Who hath divided a water course for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man; To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

There are a total of 39 questions in chapter 38 that God asked Job. The importance of and about these questions is the fact that Job cannot answer any of them, not a single one. God was making Himself clear to Job that he must let God be God, the Sovereign omnipotent Almighty Creator who answers to no one. He never, no never asks questions for information. He knew where Adam and Eve were when He said, "*Adam, where art thou?*" He knows where we all are and the condition we are in, we just need to respond to Him. Another fact is, all people will answer to Him, the saved at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and the unsaved at the Great White Throne. Judgment. Read (I Corinthians 3:10-15 & II Corinthians 5:10) about the Judgment Seat of Christ. Now let's look at the following verses in book of Romans;

14:10-12 But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Revelation chapter 20 speaks of the 'Great White Throne' where all the unsaved will stand before God. The dead small and great stand before Him, the sea will give up the dead, and death and hell will deliver up the dead. No unsaved person will escape this awful judgment which is sure to happen. Death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death and whosoever will not be found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire. Please read all of this chapter. The dead in this chapter speak of the unsaved. God one day will completely eradicate sin. Praise His Holy Name!! Nothing, no nothing can be concealed from God, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. (proverbs 15:3).

Psalms 139:1-5 O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downittings and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.

He is absolutely thorough in His searching us today. He sees all, even our thoughts before we have them.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Romans 11:33 “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!”

In all our ways (an individual’s characteristic attitudes, indicated in his way of life) we should acknowledge Him. It is really our responsibility to acknowledge His authority.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Oh, what a blessing it is to follow God’s instructions and be directed in the paths of all righteousness. Praise God for His faithfulness, even when we are unfaithful He can never be unfaithful to anyone. The Holy Spirit led person is always blessed to see what is right and what is wrong. He never leaves us in the dark about anything when we depend on His divine guidance. He never leaves anyone in the dark who is honestly searching for light.

Jesus promised another Comforter, and His promise was literally fulfilled as they all are.

John 14:16-18 *And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

II Corinthians 1:3-4 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth in Christ.

Note: As our problems increase so does the consolation. In other words He will bless us to overcome our grief or misery or whatever, no matter what. We just need to exercise God given faith in the Comforter, to take care of any need we may have now, or in the future. His grace is sufficient for us, no matter what the need may be. He is always present to help.

God Provides Grace, Faith, The Strength, And Courage, To Be Faithful In His Service

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The Lord is my Shepherd, He is my Savior, He is my life, He is my light, He is my King, He is King of kings and Lord of lords, He is Wonderful, He is Almighty God, He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, on and on I could go, and would never be able to finish, therefore let’s go to I Chronicles 29:11-12, these verses are a portion David’s thanksgiving and prayer:

“Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength to all.”

Oh, the mighty power, the love, and the greatness of God, is far beyond comprehending.

God Has Revealed Some of His Future Plans-He Is The Mighty Conqueror!

Revelation 15:3 “And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the saints.”

The following verses in Revelation 19:11-16 describes “The Rider on the white horse.” at the visible return of Christ back to this earth, a revelation of Christ to John.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in His righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in white linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Christ has universal sovereignty. He is KING over all who call themselves kings, and over all who call themselves lords.

At His coming back to establish His Millennial Kingdom He brings to an end the Battle of Armageddon, defeats His enemies, binds satan and casts him into the bottomless pit, and shuts him up, and sets a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled, and after that he will be loosed for a little while, he will go out to deceive once again, but he will lose the final battle and he will be cast into the lake of fire, this act of God will forever end his deception, he no longer will have any power at all over anyone, or any thing, his killing, stealing, lying, and destroying power will certainly end forever.

God Has Provided A Blessed Hope For His Children

“Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar (His own special) people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:13-14).

The Blessed Hope, the great God, our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ, could come for His own any moment, and call us up to meet Him in the air. What a blessed promise!!!

We, the saved have so much to look forward to in eternity, just think of the new earth, the new heavens and especially the New Jerusalem that is being prepared for the Bride. It will descend from God out of Heaven and be suspended between Heaven and the new earth.

God gave the revelations to Christ to show to John;

The New Jerusalem

Revelation 21:1-2 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

Verses 9-11 “And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come up hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb’s Wife.

10. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me

that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God,

11. Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Verses 22-27 “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light of it.

23. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof.

24. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

25. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there is no night there.

26. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

27. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”

Chapter 21, verses 9-21 describe the absolute beauty, and the great glory of New Jerusalem. It is described as the bride of Christ’s in verse 2. In the gospel of John 14:1-3 Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.”

He let His disciples know that another Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

Vs. 2 “In My Father’s house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

Vs. 3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

Just as the Word declares, New Jerusalem will descend from God out of Heaven, and that is where Jesus has gone to prepare a place for true born-again believers in Christ, the Church. Therefore, as I understand this, He is preparing a place in New Jerusalem which is NOW in Heaven, and it will descend from God out of Heaven, at the precise time He has foreordained.

All unfilled prophecy will be literally fulfilled just as past prophecy has been fulfilled. Nothing, nor no one, can interrupt God’s plans. He has all power, both in heaven and in earth. He is the Almighty One.

In Verses 24 & 26 The kings of either the new earth, or the millennium earth, it isn’t really clear which, but they will have access to it, and bring their honor into the heavenly City, New Jerusalem. This will happen just as God has planned. He has worked it all out.

