

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE
TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE.
JOHN 8:31*

February 9, 2020
Restoration Hardware, Part 1
Divine Providence
Select Texts, Including Ezra 1:1-3

Main Idea

God is sovereign and directs all things so that His will is accomplished and His purposes are fulfilled. This is fully evident in His working through Cyrus, King of Persia, to end the captivity of Judah and facilitate the rebuilding of the Temple.

Outline

1. The Prologue
2. The Promise
2. God's Amazing Providence

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 What is the sin of idolatry?

Where in Scripture is it expressly forbidden?

Can Believers today commit the sin of idolatry? How?

#2 What was the purpose of God's patience with Israel?

What is the purpose of His patience with us?

#3 Why do you think the Southern Kingdom (Judah) lasted over a century longer than the Northern Kingdom?

#4 Does God always keep His word?

How do you know?

#5 Is the doctrine of God's providence important?

Why?

How would you explain divine providence to an unbelieving friend?