

“Be My Witnesses:” An Exposition of Acts
Fathers, Teach the Providence of God!

Acts 22:30–23:35
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The Lord’s Day Morning
Father’s Day
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The Providence of God

“God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. Although, in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first Cause, all things come to pass immutably, and infallibly; yet, by the same providence, He orders them to fall out, according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently. God, in His ordinary providence, makes use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against them, at His pleasure.”

–Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter V

“God’s providence is His sovereign control over and ordering of natural circumstances to accomplish his will.”
–John MacArthur

Paul’s Defense Before the Sanhedrin

1. The legal _____ (22:30–23:10): The resurrection is the real issue.
2. The ultimate _____ (11): Jerusalem behind, Rome ahead.
3. The assassination _____ (12–35): Murder in God’s name.

Application for Dads

1. In God’s providence, you are _____ to “testify to the facts about Jesus.”
2. In God’s providence, you are _____ until God is finished with you.
3. In God’s providence, you are _____ in every circumstance he gives you.