

The providence of God

Providence = provide = pro-videre (latin) = foresee = see to it

When God sees – He sees to it!

¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, **The-Lord-Will-Provide [see]**; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Genesis 22:13-14

He does that because He is in charge of everything

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**”

Matthew 28:18

¹⁰ “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

¹¹ Jesus answered, “**You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.** Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

John 19:10-11

What does this mean?

1) Don’t worry about provision – Your Heavenly Father has seen to it

²⁵ “**Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?”

Matthew 6:25-27

2) Don’t chase after provision – it can become an idol

³¹ “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:31-33

⁹ Those who make an image, all of them *are* useless, And their precious things shall not profit; They *are* their own witnesses; They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.

¹⁰ Who would form a god or mold an image *That* profits him nothing? ¹¹ Surely all his companions would be ashamed; And the workmen, they *are* mere men. Let them all be gathered together, Let them stand up; Yet they shall fear, They shall be ashamed together. ¹² The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals, Fashions it with hammers, And works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint.

Isaiah 44:9-12

3) Don’t let circumstances dictate the will of God over your life – It is God who is in control

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. **Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**

Matthew 6:34

¹³ I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, ¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15