

Details of a Promised Fulfilled

Acts 27

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God is in control of everything. Man is free. He is a free agent. How do these things fit together?

God sovereignly, and mysteriously, orders our free choices.

What are two promises that Paul was standing upon here? (Acts 23:11; 27:24)

Men make decisions, take actions, and the will of God is achieved.

The promise of God is not like a thrill ride at a theme park.

The promise of God is like a Freddy Flintstone car.

Paul engages 4 different times, and it forwards God's plan.

Paul's First Engagement. This is a bad idea. Acts 27:10

We should not set off for a nicer winter harbor - it is too dangerous.

Paul was offering sanctified common sense here.

Paul was heard by the centurion, but not heeded. Yet.

Luke is emphasizing *the overriding providence of God* in the midst of all the storms of life.

Paul's Second Engagement. I told you so. V 21-22

You should have listened to me then, but at least listen now.

Paul brings Divine encouragement for the storm. Acts 27:20

When all seems lost, where do you turn?

Paul's Third Engagement. V 31

These Sailors cannot desert us or we will die.

They were trying to save themselves.

Soldiers heeded Paul and cut the life boat loose.

They heeded Paul. They respected Paul.

Paul's Fourth Engagement. V 34

Eat, you have a long swim tomorrow.

It is not enough simply to be right on the issue; you must be heeded as well.

Application:

- 1) God is in control of the storms of life.
- 2) God's plan includes human means.
- 3) God has chosen the ends and also the means to that end.
- 4) Faith makes a difference in the storms of life.