

**The Foundation of Our Faith - Theology**  
**The Providence of God**

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Review the main lesson outline briefly

1. How does knowing that God is in control, change how we approach physical illness in our lives?
2. How does this truth help us view difficult people in our lives?

**PRIVATE MEDITATION**

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day  
Write down your daily thought under each day

**Monday** – Philippians 3:20

*Thought:*

**Tuesday** – Proverbs 16:1, 3-4, 9, 33

*Thought:*

**Wednesday** – Philippians 2:13, Jeremiah 1:5

*Thought:*

**Thursday** – John 10:10-11, 27-30

*Thought:*

**Friday** – Romans 8:28-29

*Thought:*

**Saturday** – Daniel 6:21-22, Jonah 1:17

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### The Providence of God

*Philippians 3:20 – He is in control*

#### I. The Definition of Providence

- A. “The continuing action of God in preserving His creation & guiding it toward its intended purpose.” (*Christian Theology* by Millard Erickson)

#### II. The Foundation For God’s Providence – Creation

#### III. The Two Aspects of God’s Providence

- A. **Preservation** – God maintains the creation He brought into existence.

1. *Physical Life* – Colossians 1:15-17 (Hebrews 1:3; Philippians 4:19; Mathew 6:25-34)

2. *Spiritual Life* – John 10:10-11, 27-30

- B. **Government** – God is actively involved in achieving His purpose in His creation & sin cannot prevent His purpose.

1. *Nature* – Psalm 135:5-7, Luke 8:25

2. *Animals* – Psalm 104:21-30, The Lions (Daniel 6:21-22), The Ravens (1 Kings 17:2-6), The Great fish (Jonah 1:17)

3. *Human History & Nations* – Acts 17:24-26, Daniel 2:19-21, 4:24-25

4. *Lives of individual people* – Philippians 2:13, Jeremiah 1:5, Acts 8:26, 16:9-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-6, 11; Psalm 33:13-15

5. *Circumstances* – Proverbs 16:3-4, 9, 33; Romans 8:28-29

6. Man still has a responsibility to act – Proverbs 16:1, 9, 19:21

#### IV. God and Sin

- A. God does not cause sin – James 1:13-15

- B. God controls sin

1. He Prevents it – Genesis 20:6

2. He Permits it – Romans 1:21-28, Psalm 81:11-12

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3. He Directs it – Genesis 37:18-22, 50:19-20

4. He Limits it – Job 1:12, 1 Corinthians 10:13

#### Lessons:

*God is aware of all we do*

*God is active in our lives*

*Life is not by chance!*

### NOTES