

Of Course I Trust In God...Sort Of

(Exodus 34:23-24)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. of poem - "The Robin and the Sparrow.
 2. " The providence of God is a great Bible doctrine and full of assurance for God's people.
 3. To know that God sees all, and that he cares enough to do something about what he sees, is one of the most comforting truths revealed in Scripture.
 4. The design of this lesson is to challenge us to trust God more fully and more willingly.

I. What is the Providence of God?

- A. The providence of God is what the word suggests - "provide-ance."
- B. It's the provision that God grants his children to meet their needs and desires.
- C. It stands in opposition to fatalism and deism.
 1. God does nothing (the Bible as a whole refutes this).
 2. God does everything (Luke 10:31).
- D. Providence also stands in opposition to the miraculous in this sense.
 1. Miracles suspended natural laws, while providence worked within it.
 2. Miracles were undeniable, while providence is uncertain (Philemon 15).
 - a. Example of Crossing the Red Sea and the selection of Pharaoh (Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 9:17).
 - b. Example of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:8-25; Habakkuk 1:5-6).

II. The Results of God's Providence

- A. The results of God's providence should be trust, confidence, and peace of mind.
- B. Yet, God's people fail to trust God over and over again.
 1. (Exodus 34:23-24).
 2. (Leviticus 25; 2 Chronicles 36:21).
- D. We too have this problem.
- E. We fail are instructed to walk by faith and not by sight, but it's more comfortable to do it the other way around (2 Corinthians 5:7).

III. Do We Trust God?

- A. It's easy to answer, "yes," but do we trust him in hard things?
- B. Give up your job?
- C. Make financial sacrifices?
- D. Discipline the unfaithful?

- Conclusion:
1. We should give thanks that we serve the God we serve.
 2. He is all-knowing, all-wise, all-powerful, and all-benevolent.
 3. With a God like that, what is there to fear?