God's Providence

God's Providence and My Personal Plan Genesis 45

God's Providence provides purpose, identify, and security for my life.

PROVIDENCE OF GOD :: Continuing action of God in preserving His creation and guiding it toward His intended purposes.

Providence related to Sovereignty :: The exercise of God's authority, power, and provision to fulfill His desires, to demonstrate His glorious holiness.

- 1. God's Providence Provides Benefits
 - a. Brings me out of Timidity (2 Timothy 1:7)
 - b. Brings me out of Pride (Daniel 4:34-37)
 - c. Brings me out of Over-Confidence (Philippians 3:4-8)
 - d. Brings me out of Insecurity (Exodus 4:10-12)
- 2. God's Providence Provides Identity (Genesis 45:1-3)
 - a. Many events and circumstances but only one identity
 - b. Identity transcends our responsibility
 - c. Identity mystifies those around us (v 3b)

- 3. God's Providence Provides for Life's Next Phase (Genesis 45:4-15)
 - a. To preserve life in hard times (vv 4 7)
 - b. To be a leader in God's ways (v 8)
 - c. To be a blessing to posterity (vv 9 15)

ILLUSTRATION: Ruth

- 4. God's Providence Moves the Hearts of Rulers, Kings, and Presidents (Genesis 45:16-28)
 - a. To bless the people of God (vv 16 20)
 - b. To cause His children to be grateful and thankful (vv 21 24)
 - c. To overwhelm us with unexpected blessings (vv 25 28)

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