



TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

Genesis 24 II A Bride for Isaac II Walt Alexander

MAIN POINT: Let us rest, knowing all the promises & purposes of God come to pass by the unseen hand of providence.

1. Providence is bound to the promise.

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Exodus 34:6-7

“Fate is this— *Whatever is, must be*. But there is a difference between that and Providence. Providence says, *Whatever God ordains must be*; but the wisdom of God never ordains anything without a purpose. Everything in this world is working for some one great end. The doctrine of Providence is not: *what is, must be*; but that what is works together for the good of our race, and especially for the good of the chosen people of God.” **Charles Spurgeon**

2. Providence is sought by praying, working, & watching.

3. Providence is received with praise & thanksgiving.

“The almighty, everywhere-present power of God, whereby, as it were by his hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things come not by chance, but by his fatherly hand.” **Heidelberg Catechism (1563)**

“Let me tell you, there is not such a pleasant history for you to read in all the world as the history of your own lives, if you would but sit down and record from the beginning hitherto what God has been to you, and done for you; what signal manifestations and outbreaking of his mercy, faithfulness, and love there have been in all the conditions you have passed through.” **John Flavel**

4. Providence centers on the salvation of God.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Galatians 4:4-7