

Providence IV

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PROVIDENCE	NATURE	CHARACTER	HOLY
RIGHTEOUS	JUST	PEACEFUL	CONFUSION
NOT MAN	CONTRADICT	WORD	ANGELS
HANDS	DASH	FOOT	GUILTLESS
ANOINTED	LIFE	ACCOUNT	HEARKEN
CHOOSE	SERVE	MIRACLE	NATURAL
DAY	DESTROY	ANNUL	FREE WILL

Notes

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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True Worship

Jesus said, “the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers” (John 4:23).

The term (and/or expression of) worship, in the Law and the Prophets, was a “reverential attitude of mind or body or both, combined with the more generic notions of religions adoration, obedience, or service.” In the New Testament the term is used as "to make obeisance, do reverence to," or “to revere," stressing the feeling of awe or devotion.

The term worship is nowhere specifically defined in scripture, like sin, which is a transgression of law.

True Worship, continued

However, a consideration of the terms used to describe the action of worship “shows that it is not confined to praise; broadly it may be regarded as the direct acknowledgement to God, of His nature, attributes, ways and claims, whether by the outgoing of the heart in praise and thanksgiving or by deeds done in such acknowledgment” (Vine’s).

Many today consider worship to be an act that brings them pleasure or makes them feel good. However, Jesus identified the true nature of worship, when he said, “the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth.” If only in truth, then the worship is mere formalism; if only in spirit, or from the standpoint of the man, it is vain. That is basically what the prophecy of Isaiah entailed, when he said, “This people honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men” (Matthew 15:8-9). Thus truth, coupled with a heart that directly acknowledges God, his nature, attributes, ways and claims, turns vain worship into acceptable worship.

Since the scriptures attest to the fact that there is a vain worship and a successful worship, would it not behoove us to know what makes worship acceptable to God?

Remember the words of the angel of the Lord, when he told the apostle John, “worship God” (Revelation 22:9).
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I. **Defined:**

- A. The word “Provide” means “to foresee.”
- B. Providence: “What it Is and What it is Not”

II. **What Providence Is Not:**

- A. Not inconsistent with the nature and characteristics of God:
 - 1. Lev. 11:44 – Holy
 - 2. Isa. 45:18-19 – Righteous
 - 3. Zeph. 3:1-5 – Just
 - 4. 1 Cor. 14:33 – Peace (not confusion)
 - 5. Numb. 23:19 – Not a man
- B. Does NOT Contradict the word of God
 - 1. Matt. 4:5-7 – “Thou shalt not make trial”
 - 2. 1 Sam. 26:6-12 – “Who can put forth his hand against Jehovah’s anointed, and be guiltless?”
- C. Does NOT Annul Free-Will:
 - 1. Matt. 23:37 – “and ye would not”
 - 2. Acts 7:51-53 – “ye do always resist”
 - 3. Jn. 5:39-40 – “ye will not come to me”
 - 4. Matt. 12:36 – “shall give account”
 - 5. 2 Cor. 5:10 – “each may receive”
 - 6. Jer. 44:16-17 – “we will not hearken”
 - 7. Josh. 24:15 – “choose you this day”

III. **Providence and Miracle Are Not the Same:**

- A. Providence – God operates indirectly, through natural law.
- B. Miracle – God utilizes means above natural law to accomplish the desired end.

Solomon Says

Discretion shall watch over thee; Understanding shall keep thee: to deliver thee from the way of evil...

Prov. 2:11-12