

Providence III

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CHURCH	BRETHREN	CYMBAL	BRASS
CLANGING	BURN	BUFFET	PRIZE
WORD	PROVIDENCE	FORETHOUGHT	THEE
PROVISION	PROPHETS	MESSIAH	PROMISE
CHARGE	BLESSING	IMITATORS	WORTH
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POWER	GLORY	DISHONOR	DYING

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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ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Assembly: 10:30 a.m.
Assembly: 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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Convictions

“But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, I believed, and therefore did I speak; we also believe, and therefore also we speak; knowing that he that raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also with Jesus, and shall present us with you” (2 Corinthians 4:13-14). How would you define your convictions?

In 2015, in an interview with Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister of Israel, he said, “I think there’s a huge difference, no matter what people believe in. The question is ‘What do you do about those beliefs?’ ”

What do we do about that which we believe? Do we believe, as Romans 1:18 tells us, that God’s judicial wrath will be meted out “against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness?” Do we believe that “we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad”? (2 Corinthians 5:10). Do we believe that “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”? (Hebrews 10:31). (Continued, pg. 2)

Convictions, continued

Do we believe that “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), and do we believe that we have a responsibility to give heed to ourselves, and our teaching, “for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee”? (1 Timothy 4:16). Do we believe that the only way we can be “pure from the blood of all men,” is if we shrink “not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God”? (Acts 20:26-27). There are several things that we profess that we believe, but do we really possess an understanding of the true nature of what we confess?

The apostle Paul put it this way, “But having the same spirit of faith,” the faith that possessed David when that which is believed produces a certain spirit, a spirit that produces a positive and consistent response. Paul, having that spirit of faith, said, “I believed, and therefore did I speak... knowing that he that raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also with Jesus, and shall present us with you” (2 Corinthians 4:13). If we have such a lofty belief structure, what do we do about those beliefs?

Remember the words of the apostle Paul, who said, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). Ret

I Thought You Knew

What did Forest say, “Stupid is as stupid does”? Sorry you were offended.

“Why should I fear in days of adversity, When the iniquity of my foes surrounds me, Even those who trust in their wealth And boast in the abundance of their riches? No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him—For the redemption of his soul is costly, And he should cease trying forever—That he should live on eternally, That he should not undergo decay. For he sees that even wise men die; The stupid and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others” (Psa. 49:5-10, nav).

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Eph. 3:8-12

I. Defined:

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

II. Providence in the Scriptures:

- A. Acts 24:2 – The term “providence” is used, not in reference to God, “but to the forethought and work of man.”
- B. Rom. 13:14 – “make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof”
- C. The Law and the Prophets consists of the moral training and providential preparation of the world, for the coming of the Messiah:
 - 1. Gen. 12:1-3 – Promise and charge to Abram: “be thou a blessing”
 - 2. Gen. 18:16-19 – “to the end that Jehovah may bring”
 - 3. Deut. 6:7 – “Thou shalt teach them”
 - 4. Neh. 9:20 – Of Israel, “Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them”

III. Knowing the Purpose of God:

- A. How many times have you heard the question: “Why did God create man, knowing man would sin?”
- B. Inspired writers put the question into perspective:
 - 1. Psa. 50:21 – “...such a one as thyself”
 - 2. 1 Cor. 2:11 – “the things of God”
 - 3. Isa. 55:6-11 – “my thoughts”

Solomon Says

Surely I am more stupid than any man, And I do not have the understanding of a man. Neither have I learned wisdom, Nor do I have the knowledge of the Holy One.

Prov. 30:2-3