

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD #2 PLACEMENT

GEN 13:14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art....

Providence: “divine guidance or care; God conceived as the power sustaining and guiding human destiny.”

Providential: “relating to, or determined by Providence; occurring by or as if by intervention of Providence; Opportune.”

One of the most important aspects of Christian living is knowing our “place”.

1. We must note that if God has a “place” for us that it is a prepared place.

2. In discovering our place we are encouraged to look for it from the place we are presently.

Gen 13 14 "look from the place where thou art..”

We need to consider how we arrived at where we are presently and know where we are. Abraham knew how he had gotten to where he was he had been “called”.

3. Until God speaks to us that we need to be elsewhere we are commanded to be still and settled.

1CO 7:20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

We must be certain that we are faithful to the place that God has positioned us. Further placement will not take place without faithfulness.

PRO 27:8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so [is] a man that wandereth from his place.

A. Many don't know when they have it well off. God has made the nest comfortable for them.

B. They cannot be settled. They love to wander.

They don't stay long at a place. They absent themselves from there own work and care. The meddle with that which does not belong to them.

They are exposed.

Young ones are neglected. They leave work at home undone.
FOUR PLACES PROVIDENCE WILL TAKE YOU

1. A place of WORSHIP

a. Jacob

GEN 28:11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put [them for] his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

GEN 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

GEN 28:13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I [am] the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

GEN 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

GEN 28:15 And, behold, I [am] with thee, and will keep thee in all [places] whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done [that] which I have spoken to thee of.

GEN 28:16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew [it] not.

GEN 28:17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful [is] this place! this [is] none other but the house of God, and this [is] the gate of heaven.

b. Israel

Deu 12 11:Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there: thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

DEU 12:26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose.

c. The upper room

2. A place of PROVISION.

a. Ruth in Boaz's field receives hands full on purpose.

b. Abraham – a substitutionary sacrifice.

He tells his servants “I and the lad go up to worship.... And we shall return” Gen 22 5

GEN 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here [am] I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where [is] the lamb for a burnt offering?

GEN 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb....

c. Jonah

- . and God prepared a fish
- . and God prepared a gourd
- . and God prepared a worm
- . and God prepared a vehement east wind

d. Elijah

1KI 17:9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which [belongeth] to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

3. A place of SUCCESS

A. A place of his choosing.

PSA 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

NIV ISA 61 3b “They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”

B. A place of your choosing because of relationship with him.

JOS 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4. A place of PROTECTION

A. Joseph when sold into Egypt was kept alive and safe even in prison

B. The Hebrew men from the fire

PSA 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

PSA 91:2 I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

PSA 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, [and] from the noisome pestilence.

PSA 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth [shall be thy] shield and buckler.

PSA 91:5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; [nor] for the arrow [that] flieth by day;

PSA 91:6 [Nor] for the pestilence [that] walketh in darkness; [nor] for the destruction [that] wasteth at noonday.

PSA 91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee.

PSA 91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

PSA 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, [which is] my refuge, [even] the most High, thy habitation;

PSA 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

PSA 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.