

The Lord Provides

A Message from the Master sermon series

April 6 – May 18, 2008

“The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore” (Psalm 121:7,8). Children of God take comfort in the Lord’s providence, because it means everything – absolutely everything – is going to be okay. Nothing can separate us from his loving care. This sermon series rejoices that “The Lord Provides” by highlighting some of his special activities and some of our special blessings.

April 6 – Bivens The Lord Provides

Deuteronomy 8:1-9

Moses reminds the Israelites of the Lord’s providence. As he provided them with manna he gives us our daily bread. As he humbled and tested them to love and trust him more he dispenses earthly blessings to us for spiritual growth.

April 13 – Lindemann The Lord Protects

Daniel 3:19-27, Isaiah 43:2

The Lord protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace, reminding them and their enemies of his powerful love and care. Other examples: Paul’s escapes from threats, Noah’s ark.

April 20 – Pagels The Lord Cares

Luke 7:11-15

Jesus performed miracles for a few reasons, one of them was that he just plain cared about people. His compassion never fails. Other examples: feeding the 5,000.

April 27 – Mueller The Lord Directs

Esther 4:12-14

“For such a time as this” the Lord did direct the affairs of world powers and a Godly woman to intersect so that he could be glorified providing deliverance to his people. The Lord directs the affairs of our world and our lives today to be a blessing for us. Other examples: Joseph. Cf also Acts 17:26,27.

May 4 – Mattek He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

Job 12:7-10

God cares for his creation. All of nature is under his loving providence as a gift to us and as glory to his name. Focus: all of God’s creatures. Cf also Psalm 104.

May 11 – Westendorf **He Takes Care of Everyone**

Matthew 5:45

The Lord made people and takes care of people. All people. Even the wicked and those who don't go to church.

Examples: God's appointment of governments and institution of the family as a blessing to society. Cf also Acts 14:17.

May 18 – Lindemann **He Works for the Good of All Believers**

Romans 8:28

The ultimate focus of the Lord and his love is the Church. He not only provides for believers everything he provides for everyone, but provides special care in the angels and in arranging for bad to turn into good.