

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Charles Berryhill  
Servers - Ralph Burleson  
Gary Addison  
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# God's Providence At Work



*The  
Brilliant  
Beacon*



**The Two Sides of Providence**

By Dan Jenkins

It might seem strange to learn that the word providence occurs only one time in the Bible, and there it is not referring to the providence of God (Acts 24:2). In fact, this word is not found in most translations. Yet, the truth is that the concept of God’s providence is found throughout the Scriptures. One cannot read the Bible without knowing that God provides.

There are questions about His providence He has chosen to not reveal to us. We should be content to speak where the Bible speaks but also must remember to stop where the Bible stops. Moses’ words say so much about this. “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deut. 29:29). There is no way we can know that our idle speculations are what God thinks and we must learn to be silent.

**Providence Seen By Looking Backward**

Because we know that every good and perfect gift comes from above (James 1:17), it is not wrong for us to look at the past and see the hand of God in our lives. Young David found strength and courage to fight Goliath because of His past experiences. “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine” (1 Sam. 17:37). He knew of providence because he had seen it. The book of Psalms is filled with encouragement based on all that God had done in the past for Israel. Our Lord reminded His followers about providence, which they had seen in the rain, the sun, the birds and the lily of the valley. Because every good gift is from above, it is not wrong for us to look backwards to see providence.

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Denise Kimbrell: still taking treatments and has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis; please be praying that with med’s all of this can be controlled

Lellie Dickinson: is recovering from recent knee surgery, please pray that she will make a quick and full recovery

Barbara Wilkinson: is recovering from recent hernia surgery, please pray that she will make a full recovery and have not further trouble

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Don Lawrence: recovering from recent knee surgery, pray that he makes a full and quick recovery

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Marjorie Goodwin: is in the nursing home at Winfield for rehab, please continue to pray that she will continue to improve.

Jamie Long: his liver is failing him and he is on the list to receive a liver transplant, please be keeping him in your prayers

Frances Booth (Tanya’s Mother-In-Law): diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Laura Lara: has shingles, please pray that she will quickly get better

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Country Place	2:00 pm
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl (Here)	2:00 pm

- Please help with bringing snacks and drinks for the Bible Bowl -

**Providence Seen When Looking Forward**

The words of Abraham to Isaac show us that we can see His coming providence by faith. Isaac was concerned and asked his father about the animal for the sacrifice. The patriarch’s answer was simple. “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering” (Gen. 22:8). He had no idea how God would provide it, He just knew that He who had always provided in the past would do so in the future. David also looked forward with the eyes of faith and saw himself walking with his Shepherd through the valley of death.

**Providence Seen in Your Life**

So when troubles surround you and you are overwhelmed, stop and mediate of these two sides of providence. Look at how God has always helped His people. Look and see this truth in your past life. Then look to the adversity ahead and with the eye of faith march onward because you confidently know that your God will provide!

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*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

*Romans 8:28*

**His Glory is Full of Truth**

By Dan Jenkins

*“The Word became flesh and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:17*

**Grace Without Truth Can Lead to Lewdness**

There was a major problem in a doctrine which threatened the early church. When men heard of grace, false teachers forgot that grace cannot exist without it being tied to truth. Jude 1:4 described them as “...ungodly men who turned the grace of our Lord into lewdness.” They really thought that moral purity did not matter, believing they could teach and practice immorality and still be saved. Tragically, that same problem exists in our world by Christians who fail to exercise restraint in their dress, their actions and their entertainment.

**Grace Without Truth Can Lead to Disobedience**

When the Word described the final judgment, He described an attitude of religious individuals who thought that as long as they were doing notable works in the name of Jesus, God’s grace would cover them. Jesus said, “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matt. 7:22-23). What a vivid description of the attitude of many leaders of denominations today. Ignoring what Jesus teaches about worship, the Lord’s supper, salvation, baptism and Bible authority, they feel justified thinking that God’s grace will cover these “small” matters. Jesus clearly says they will be lost.

**Grace Without Truth Can Lead to Infidelity**

The practice of ignoring truth and teaching that God’s grace will be given to all who serve the Lord in any way is the basis of the religious division which permeates religion in America. The night of Jesus’ betrayal, He prayed fervently that all who believed on Him might be one, just like He and the Father were one. What did He see as the result of all believers being dedicated to the one truth He had given to the apostles? “That the world may believe that You have sent Me” (John 17:21). Why are there so many unbelievers in our land? Read His prayer again—religious division among believers creates infidelity!

**Grace and Truth Must Be in Us**

When we are the light of the world, it will see our light and glorify the Father (Matt. 5:16). Jesus’ glory was full of grace and truth. Both of these must be in us!

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