

SUPERNATURAL LIVING IN A SECULAR WORLD

PROVIDENCE MADE PRACTICAL

ROMANS 8:25–39



The Heart of the Matter

The apostle Paul offered some of the most powerful and comforting words in all his writings in the second half of Romans 8, reminding us of God's magnificent providence. For those who believe in both the goodness and greatness of God, His providence over all things becomes a comfort and encouragement. God attends to every detail, is never caught off guard by tragedies, and works all things out for our ultimate good and His greatest glory. This truth has not only profound implications for our salvation but also practical implications for our daily walk.



Discovering the Way

1. Wrestling with God's Providence (Isaiah 55:8–9)

The reason we wrestle with God's providence as finite human beings is twofold. First, we tend to focus on the immediate, while God focuses on the ultimate. Second, we forget our knowledge is limited, while God's is unlimited.

2. Thinking through God's Providence (Romans 8:25–30)

Romans 8:28 contains an unconditional promise: God's guarantee of what He will do for us. When we know His promise to work all things together for good, we can rest in His sovereignty and goodness, which has a particular purpose and providential goal: our conformity to the image of Christ.



Starting Your Journey

Because of God's providence, goodness, and ultimate purpose for His people, nothing can separate us from His love and our destiny (Romans 8:31–39). Having given us His Son, wouldn't God give you whatever else is best for you?



Tools for Digging Deeper



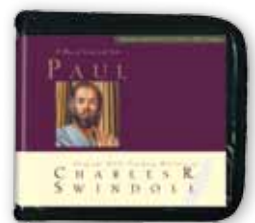
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