

God's Providence

GOD'S PROVIDENCE VS. KINGS, POLITICS, AND POWER

Psalm 33:12-19

Our God appoints national leaders to fulfill His plans and purposes, with His ultimate goal being Jesus Christ ruling as King.

PROVIDENCE OF GOD :: Continuing action of God in preserving His creation and guiding it toward His intended purposes.

PROVIDENCE RELATED TO SOVEREIGNTY :: The exercise of God's authority, power, and provision to fulfill His desires, to demonstrate His glorious holiness.

1. A Promise Given

- a. to Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 17:1-8, 15-21)
- b. to David (2 Samuel 7:12-29)
- c. to Solomon (1 Kings 11:11-13, as a Hebrew hymn: Psalm 89:20-37)
- d. to Mary (Luke 1:32-33)

2. A Promise Conflicted with Gentile Dominance

- a. Will the Hebrews be reduced to mere slaves in Egyptian power? (Exodus; Romans 9:17)
- b. Will the Hebrews be delivered from a Babylonian madman? (Daniel 4:24-33)
- c. Will the promise ever come in the post-exile period? (Zechariah 14:1-9)
- d. Daniel 2:21

3. A Promise Reaffirmed

- a. by Jesus to Unbelievers (Matthew 22:45)
- b. by Jesus to Pilate (John 18:37; 1 Timothy 6:13-16)

4. A Promised Linked to Belief

- a. In the Context of Salvation (Romans 1:4, 10:9-10)
- b. In the Context of Sanctification (1 John 3:2-3)
- c. In the Context of a Prophetic Goal (Revelation 20:11-16)

5. Conclusion — Psalm 33:12-19

