

“The word providence means foresight; timely care; particularly, active foresight, or foresight accompanied with the procurement of what is necessary for future use, or with suitable preparation.... the care or benevolent guidance of God or nature” (Webster).

Homer Hailey defined providence as God's
“foresight and forethought in creating the universe whereby he could be in control and carry out his purpose to its ultimate consummation”



Scriptures Teach It

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.”

Phil. 2:12, 13



Scriptures Teach It

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13:20, 21



Scriptures Teach It

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.”

Romans 8:28



Three views of Rom. 8:28

- **Just salvation**
- **Everything**
- **That which will accomplish His purpose (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18)**



Bible Examples Teach It

- **Israel in Egypt**
 - **God Promised Abraham (Gen. 15:13-18)**
 - **Abraham beget Isaac**
 - **Isaac beget Jacob**
 - **Jacob had 12 sons**
 - **Still they were in Canaan**



But How?

- God accomplish His purpose through Joseph
 - Sold (Gen. 37)
 - Bought by Potiphar (Gen. 39)
 - Interprets the dream of the butler & baker (Gen. 40)
 - Rise to power (Gen. 41)
 - Meanwhile famine in the land of Canaan (Gen. 41:53-42:1)
 - Jacob sends sons to Egypt to buy grain (Gen. 42-45)
 - They move to Egypt (Gen. 46)

