

God Cares and Will Provide, Trust Him

The Bible repeatedly makes clear that it is God's nature to provide for his creation. And in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus clearly teaches us not to worry (Matthew 6:25-34). Join us as we study Scriptures that teach us about God's providence. We'll talk about the difference between worry and having proper concern for our circumstances. We'll discuss God's character and his involvement in our lives, and what it means for us to trust in God's provision. Finally, we'll examine how our belief informs the way we think and pray about our needs and our finances. Together, we'll consider practical ways we can demonstrate our trust in God's providential care both in times of need and times of plenty.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How do you define providence?
- What sorts of things do you pray about?



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READ [Nehemiah 9:6](#), [Psalm 145:15-16](#), [Matthew 6:25-34](#), [Philippians 4:10-13](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee discussed how easy it is to take God's providence for granted, especially when our culture urges us to always want more. What sort of things should we desire? How do we grow our awareness of God's continuous provision?
- How do you know when your prudent concern about something has morphed into sinful worry? What can you do when you realize that you are worrying too much?
- What lessons or examples about money and possessions do you want to pass down to others? How well do you think your current lifestyle and mindset model those ideas?
- Darrell shared how God worked out his financial situation for college in an unexpected way. Take time to identify God's unexpected works of providence in your life. What do they help you remember about God and his purposes for you? As you think about current or upcoming challenges, what truths do you want to hold onto?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Job 38-39](#), [Matthew 6:7-14](#), [Joshua 7](#), [Acts 5:1-11](#), [James 1:17](#), [Acts 2:43-47](#), [Acts 4:32-37](#),

CONCLUSION

Read [Philippians 4:4-13](#) and identify the ways it connects to the lessons that Scott and Darrell outlined in segment three:

1. Trust that God doesn't hold out on you.
2. Don't take matters into your own hands.
3. Practice contentment.
4. Continuously pray for God's provision.
5. Remember God when blessings flow.

Then, go through the passage again. Use the lessons above as an outline for prayer and talk to God about any situations that are causing you anxiety.

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