

SAVED BY PROVIDENCE.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Text: Exodus 14:10-14.

B. Regarding the text:

1. When this speaker hears the word “providence” several things immediately come to mind from the Biblical text.
 - 1) The life of Joseph (**Gen. 37-50**).
 - 2) The books of Esther (**Esther 4:14**).
2. Two specific passages: **Gen. chapters 37-50; Rom. 8:28**.
3. We may not have associated providence with salvation, yet, we will enjoy salvation by the “Providence of God.”

I. WHAT IS PROVIDENCE?

A. The root word “providence” means to provide.

1. Providence involves the provisions God has given to mankind.
2. Unless God had provided an avenue for our salvation, we would be lost and without hope (**Ezekiel 18:20; Luke 19:10**).

B. The ways of viewing God’s providence.

1. Providence once involved the direct operation of God (**Exodus 14:13-14**).
2. Providence is also God working within the natural affairs of men to bring His will to pass.
 - 1) This is a very unique ability. No miracles are performed.
 - 2) God works within the actions of man.
 - 3) God works within the talents and abilities of man.
 - 4) God works without interfering with man’s free-moral agency.
 - a. Example: Salvation of the Jews through Queen Esther.
 - b. God’s providence is seen throughout the book (**Esther 4:13-14**).

II. GOD’S PHYSICAL PROVISIONS FOR OUR SALVATION.

A. The blood of Jesus Christ (Gen. 3:15; Rom. 5:9; 6:23**).**

1. **Isaiah 53:7**.
2. Christ is the sacrificial lamb (**John 1:29, 36**).

B. Scripture reveals His providential hand in our salvation (Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 2:37; Acts 8; Acts 10**). The message of salvation (**James 1:21**).**

C. The church of Christ (Acts 20:28; Col. 1:13**).**

III. THE MOTIVATIONAL PROVISIONS FOR MAN’S SALVATION.

A. God’s love (Romans 5:8; John 3:16**).**

B. The reward of heaven (2 Peter 1:3**).**

C. The fear of hell (Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:11; Hebrews 10:31**).**

IV. CONCLUSION

A. God has provided much in order to save the souls of men.

B. God paid the ultimate price by sending His Son to die for us.

C. Man should not reject these provisions; His providential hand..

1. We should avail ourselves of His grace (**2 Tim. 2:1**), to the salvation provided by His providential hand (**2 Tim. 2:10**).
2. This is done by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21; Gal. 3:26-27**).