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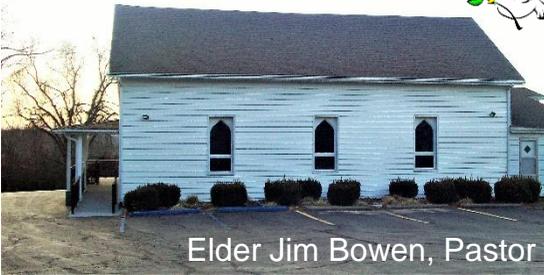
Predestination and Providence

Travel has long been a part of my life and over the years, I viewed a trip as successful or not by three key items. What makes for a successful trip is first a good start; secondly the driver knows how to get where they are going. And finally, along the way it makes for a good trip if I have all the things I will need to make the journey.

The Bible teaches a child of God about three keys that make for a successful spiritual journey. Those same three keys to a successful trip can be seen in two Biblical teachings, predestination and providence. Predestination is found in four Bible verses. Romans 8:29-30 "For whom he (God) did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." From verse 29 it can be understood that the "he" is God. That is where our journey starts, in the pure love of God. God is the DRIVER and God has always known how to get where He is going. Two more verses, Ephesians 1:5 "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will". And Ephesians 1:11 "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will". Predestination is a part of God's plan of redemption. In God's love, He sent His Son and predestinated His earthly end, in order to secure His children's eternal end. Predestinate pertains to the eternal destiny of a particular people! God started this trip and He has taken care of both ends of the trip.

But that is not all; Providence pertains to God's work in the lives of His people for His glory and their good. The providence of God will always meet our daily needs as we move toward that eternal destiny. The most basic thinking about God's providence in our daily needs is probably summed up as well as any other place in Jesus' sermon in Matthew 6:25-32 "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

God, in His providence provides for our daily needs. And when your earthly end comes, the predestination of God will get you to the other side. I thank God that He started it all, with a clear destiny for His people in mind. I thank God for the destiny that waits for His children. And I'm so glad that God is with us all along the way, supplying our needs.



Elder Jim Bowen, Pastor



Sweetheart Banquet

February 11, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Sister Peggy talked to the children about the connection of our eyes and our heart.

We use our eyes to see and that gives us the opportunity to read, observe, and take in the wonders of God's world.

Our eyes can open to understanding of the heart where we can share love, kindness, patience, mercy and grace.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 01-23 – Men's Choir Practice @ 6:30 p.m.
- 01-28 – Circle Prayer Service @ 9:10 a.m.
- 01-28 – Bible Study Class @ 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01-21 – Brenda Austin
- 01-21 – Brian Sapp
- 01-22 – Chris Bennett
- 01-24 – Cray Estes

Brother Jim would like to meet with the youth next Sunday to discuss a play and who is willing to participate!

INSPIRATION
MEDITATION
DEDICATION

Brighten your day
And lighten your way
And lessen your cares
With daily prayers.
Quiet your mind
And leave tension behind
And find inspiration
In hushed meditation.



Prayers:

GOSHEN CHURCH

JAMES 5:16

PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER

- Bonita Lenger
- Elder Steve Flowers
- Justin John
- Cathy Wilkinson
- Danny Sapp
- Shirley Calvin,
- Esther "Janie" Lewis
- Those In The Nursing Homes
& Health Care Facilities
- Our Military and Military Families