

Women & More

Promise of Providence

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Providence is the biblical teaching about God's involvement...in everything under the sun! Though the word *providence* appears only once in the *NIV*, the root word provide and its derivatives are mentioned prolifically. God provides and is providing; He is provider; He makes provision, because He, through His matchless *grace*, is provident God!

“The Lord cares for all things,
and the meanest creatures share in his universal providence,
but His particular providence is over His saints.”

Charles Spurgeon

“All of life unfolds at the appointing of Providence.”

David Jeremiah

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Job 10:12

Psalm 19:12-13 “*Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.* **Write out v 13:**

Proverbs 16:9

Romans 8:28

Ephesians 1:11

Philippians 1:6

Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 16:33 “*The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Since the doctrine of providence teaches that all that happens to the Christian is directed by God, where does that place fortune, chance, luck or fate? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> the devil’s work | <input type="checkbox"/> blind forces that grip | <input type="checkbox"/> rebellion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> witchcraft | <input type="checkbox"/> misunderstood | <input type="checkbox"/> some value |
| <input type="checkbox"/> just for fun | <input type="checkbox"/> no harm done | <input type="checkbox"/> idolatry |

Charles Spurgeon warned,

“What might not the best of us do if
it were not for the checks which the Lord sets upon us
both in providence and in grace.”

2. **Jeremiah 10:23** “*I know, O LORD that a man’s life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.”*

Look up and write out the *Women & More* theme verse: **Proverbs 3:5-6**—(NOTE: it is on the front of our notebook.)—♥

3. Read the attached (worksheet pages 3-4) true story about *Providence* and Jeff Markin.

“The Christian life isn’t a playground
but a battlefield.”

Billy Graham

Recommended Reading:

Knowing God, J. I. Packer
The Journey, Billy Graham

Providence and Jeff Markin

(Rewritten from a (CBN) Christian Broadcasting Network title:
Back From the Dead, Reborn Into the Light)

Jeff Markin was on his way to work September 20, 2006, and still remembers that he did not feel well. What he would not remember was calling his boss and being advised to drive himself to the ER. He made it to the hospital, but collapsed inside. The hospital PA system alerted staff of someone who had arrived and suffered a massive and deadly heart attack.

Dr. Chauncey Crandall, cardiologist ‘on call’, was making his rounds in the intensive care unit, and responded immediately. He described the ER as a chaotic war-zone where everyone was fighting to keep this man alive. The staff worked on Jeff for 40 minutes, and shocked him a dozen times, but despite all efforts, there was no response. Once Crandall determined the team had done everything possible, he called the time of death.

While a nurse prepared Jeff’s body for the morgue, Crandall updated the chart and then walked out of the ER. “I heard a voice say, ‘Turn around and pray for that man,’” said Crandall. He wanted to ignore the voice, wondering how he could pray for a man who was dead; gone, with no life in him, but, again, he heard the voice: “Turn around and pray for that man!” So he stopped, and realizing he needed to honor the Lord, turned around and walked to the side of Jeff’s body. The nurse was still there and looked questioningly at him.

As Dr. Crandall stood next to the corpse he opened his mouth and spoke these words: “Father God, I cry out for this man’s soul. If he does not know you as his Lord and Savior, Father, raise him from the dead now—in Jesus’ name.” As the other doctor walked into the room, Crandall asked him to shock the man one more time, saying, “For me, shock him one more time.” And out of respect for the requester, that doctor shocked the patient again.

Immediately, a heart beat came back to Jeff—instant, perfect, regular, which they’d never seen happen before. While the nurse screamed, “What have you done?”, this perfect heart beat came back; Jeff’s abdomen started moving with breath, and a few moments later his fingers started twitching. He was moved to the ICU, and three days later, woke up with no evidence of brain or organ damage. His daughter, Jillian, was there when he awoke and told him all that had happened.

When Dr. Crandall went to see his miracle patient on Monday morning, he was sitting up in bed, and he asked him, “Where were you that day that I prayed for you in the ER?” And Jeff responded, “I was in total darkness and I was so disappointed...I was alone for eternity.” As his doctor shared the gospel with him and asked if he was willing to accept God in his life and into his heart, Jeff opened his arms and accepted God. “It was just a very emotional time and I remember crying in his arms,” said Jeff.

Today, Jeff is back at work and gets regular check-ups with Dr. Crandall. He still has no heart problems or residual complications from his brush with death. “To know what I’ve gone through and to be so fortunate,” Jeff related, “and that’s been part of, I guess, my daily battle—why me—why have I been so fortunate to have God shine on me a second time?” He’d remembered staring at the swirling bright lights of the ER, and out of those lights seen an image who had told him that he was there to look over and make sure that everything was going to be fine.

“This day that I prayed for Jeff was a day of very little faith,” admitted Dr. Crandall. “It wasn’t one of my big God days. And when I walked into the ER, to tell you the truth, I didn’t want to stay and pray because I was so much in a rush with my work, but I prayed—the Lord asked me to do it so I honored the Lord and I prayed.”



The Names of God in the Old Testament

The Primary Names of God:

◆**Elohim**—God: the Strong Creator—**Genesis 1:1** *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

◆**Jehovah**—LORD: the Self-existing One—**Genesis 2:4** *“This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens—”*

◆**Adonai**—Lord/Master: the Headship Name—**Genesis 15:1-2** *“After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.’ 2But Abram said, ‘O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?’”* FYI: We know the end of the story: Isaac!

•Compound Names of the LORD God—Jehovah El and Jehovah Elohim

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| Jehovah El Elohim | —The LORD God of Gods | (Joshua 22:22) |
| Jehovah Elohim | —The LORD God | (Genesis 2:4; 3:9-13, 21) |
| Jehovah Elohe Abothekem | —The LORD God of Your Fathers | (Joshua 18:3) |
| Jehovah El Elyon | —The LORD, the Most High God | (Genesis 14:22) |
| Jehovah El Emeth | —LORD God of Truth | (Psalm 31:5) |
| Jehovah El Gemuwal | —The LORD God of Recompenses | (Jeremiah 51:56) |
| Jehovah Elohim Tsebaoth | —LORD God of Hosts | (Psalm 59:5) |
| Jehovah Elohe Yeshuathi | —LORD God of My Salvation | (Psalm 88:1) |
| Jehovah Elohe Yisrael | —The LORD God of Israel | (Psalm 41:13) |

•Compound Names of God—El, Elohim and Elohe

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| Elohim | —God | (Genesis 1:1) |
| Elohim Bashamayim | —God in Heaven | (Joshua 2:11) |
| El Bethel | —God of the House of God | (Genesis 35:7) |
| Elohe Chaseddi | —The God of My Mercy | (Psalm 59:10) |
| El Elohe Yisrael | —God, the God of Israel | (Genesis 33:20) |
| El Elyon | —The Most High God | (Genesis 14:18) |
| El Emunah | —The Faithful God | (Deuteronomy 7:9) |
| El Gibbor | —Mighty God | (Isaiah 9:6) |
| El Hakabodh | —The God of Glory | (Psalm 29:3) |
| El Hay | —The Living God | (Joshua 3:10) |
| El Hayyay | —God of My Life | (Psalm 42:8) |
| Elohim Kedoshim | —Holy God | (Joshua 24:19) |
| El Kanna | —Jealous God | (Exodus 20:5) |
| El Kanno | —Jealous God | (Joshua 24:19) |
| Elohe Mauzi | —God of My Strength | (Psalm 43:2) |
| Elohim Machase Lanu | —God Our Refuge | (Psalm 62:8) |
| El Malekhi | —God My King | (Psalm 68:24) |
| El Marom | —God Most High | (Micah 6:6) |
| El Nekamoth | —God that Avenges | (Psalm 18:47) |
| El Nose | —God that Forgave | (Psalm 99:8) |
| Elohenu Olam | —Our Everlasting God | (Psalm 48:14) |
| Elohim Ozer Li | —God My Helper | (Psalm 54:4) |
| El Roi | —God Who Sees Me | (Genesis 16:13) |
| El Sali | —God, My Rock | (Psalm 42:9) |

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| El Shaddai | — All Sufficient One | (Genesis 17:1-2) |
| Elohim Shophtim Ba-arets | —God that Judges in the Earth | (Psalm 58:11) |
| El Simchath Gili | —God My Exceeding Joy | (Psalm 43:4) |
| Elohim Tsebaoth | —God of Hosts | (Psalm 80:7) |
| Elohe Tishuathi | —God of My Salvation | (Psalm 13:46; 51:14) |
| Elohe Tsadeki | —God of My Righteousness | (Psalm 4:1) |
| Elohe Yakeb | —God of Jacob (Israel) | (Psalm 20:1) |
| Elohe Yisrael | — God of Israel | (Psalm 52:7) |
| •The Compound Names of Jehovah | | |
| Jehovah | — The LORD | (Exodus 6:2-3) |
| Adonai Jehovah | — Lord God | (Genesis 15:2) |
| Jehovah Adon Kol Ha-arets | —LORD, The Lord of All the Earth | (Joshua 3:11) |
| Jehovah Bore | —The LORD Creator | (Isaiah 40:28) |
| Jehovah Chereb | —The LORD...the Sword | (Deuteronomy 33:29) |
| Jehovah Eli | —The LORD My God | (Psalm 18:2) |
| Jehovah Elyon | — The LORD Most High | (Genesis 14:18-20) |
| Jehovah Gibbor Milchamah | —The LORD Mighty in Battle | (Psalm 24:8) |
| Jehovah Maginnenu | —The LORD Our Defense | (Psalm 89:18) |
| Jehovah Goelekh | —The LORD Thy Redeemer | (Isaiah 49:26; 60:16) |
| Jehovah Hashopet | —The LORD the Judge | (Judges 11:27) |
| Jehovah Hoshiah | —O LORD Save | (Psalm 20:9) |
| Jehovah Immeka | —The LORD is with You | (Judges 6:12) |
| Jehovah Iarz Wegibbor | —The LORD Strong and Mighty | (Psalm 24:8) |
| ♥Jehovah-jireh | — The LORD Will Provide | (Genesis 22:14) |
| Jehovah Kabodhi | —The LORD My Glory | (Psalm 3:3) |
| Jehovah Kanna Shemo | —The LORD Whose Name is Jealous | (Exodus 34:14) |
| Jehovah Keren-yishi | —The LORD the Horn of My Salvation | (Psalm 18:2) |
| Jehovah Machsi | —The LORD My Refuge | (Psalm 91:9) |
| Jehovah Magen | —The LORD, the Shield | (Deuteronomy 33:29) |
| Jehovah Makkeh | —The LORD that Smileth | (Ezekiel 7:9) |
| Jehovah Mauzzam | —The LORD Their Strength | (Psalm 37:39) |
| Jehovah Mauzzi | —The LORD My Fortress | (Jeremiah 16:19) |
| Ha-melech Jehovah | —The LORD the King | (Psalm 98:6) |
| Jehovah Melech Olam | —The LORD King Forever | (Psalm 10:16) |
| Jehovah Mephalti | —The LORD My Deliverer | (Psalm 18:2) |
| Jehovah Mekaddishkhem | —The LORD that Sanctifies You | (Exodus 31:13) |
| Jehovah Metsudhathi | —The LORD...My Fortress | (Psalm 18:2) |
| Jehovah Mishgabbi | —The LORD My High Tower | (Psalm 18:2) |
| Jehovah Moshiekh | —The LORD Your Savior | (Isaiah 49:26; 60:16) |
| Jehovah-Nissi | — The LORD My Banner | (Exodus 17:15) |
| Jehovah Ori | —The LORD My Light | (Psalm 27:1) |
| Jehovah Uzzl | —The LORD My Strength | (Psalm 23:7) |
| Jehovah Rophe | — The LORD Our Healer | (Exodus 15:26) |
| Jehovah Roi | — The LORD My Shepherd | (Psalm 23:1) |
| Jehovah Sabaoth (Tsebaoth) | —The LORD of Hosts | (1 Samuel 1:3) |
| Jehovah Sali | —The LORD My Rock | (Psalm 16:2) |
| Jehovah Shalom | — The LORD Our Peace | (Judges 6:24) |
| Jehovah Shammah | — The LORD Is There | (Ezekiel 48:35) |
| Jehovah Tsidkenu | —The LORD Our Righteousness | (Jeremiah 23:6) |
| Jehovah Tsuzi | —O LORD My Strength | (Psalm 19:14) |