

# God's Providence At Work

Lesson 3  
Christians Today

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1. Joseph
2. Esther
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# God's Providence At Work - Esther

1. Tracing how Xerxes (Haman) issued the decree to destroy the Jews
2. Tracing how God saved the Jewish people from destruction
3. God's providence today in our lives

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# Introduction

- In past lessons, we have clearly seen that God looked ahead and provided for His people what was needed to carry out His purpose, above all to bring Jesus into the world to save us from our sins
- He sometimes used miracles but in the case of Esther, he used ordinary events that He connected together to save the Jews in spite of great evil

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# Introduction

- We concluded that lesson by noting that God has promised to those who love Him, Christians today, that He also works in our lives by His providence
- But, how can we know if specific events in our lives are truly worked out by God for good to bring forth His purpose?

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# Introduction

- While events are occurring, it is hard for us to clearly discern His providence at work in our lives
- But, if we diligently follow the Word of God, we can be assured His providence is working to carry out His purpose
- And, often, when we look back at what has happened in our lives, we can see God working all things for good to His glory

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## God's Promise of His Providence Working In Our Lives Today

- Idea means God knowing ahead of time and providing for His purpose to be carried out
- Would imply God's foreknowledge and predestination without violating man's free will
- Today, He looks ahead and provides for Christians, in spite of evil, that His purpose may go forward to His glory

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## God's Promise of His Providence Working In Our Lives Today

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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## God's Promise of His Providence Working In Our Lives Today

Rom 8:30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

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## God's Promise of His Providence Working In Our Lives Today

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

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## God's Promise of His Providence Working In Our Lives Today

Rom 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Rom 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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## God's Promise of His Providence Working In Our Lives Today

Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

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## God's Promise of His Providence Working In Our Lives Today

Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## God's Providence Working To Spread The Gospel In Jerusalem And Beyond

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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## God's Providence Working To Spread The Gospel In Jerusalem And Beyond

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

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Act 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Act 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

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## God's Providence Working To Spread The Gospel In Jerusalem And Beyond

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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Act 5:40 They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them.

Act 5:41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

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Act 5:42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Act 6:7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

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Act 7:56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Act 7:57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

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Act 7:58 When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Act 7:59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

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Act 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

Act 8:1 Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

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Act 8:2 Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

Act 8:3 But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

Act 8:4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

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Act 9:1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

Act 9:2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

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Act 9:3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

Act 9:4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

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Act 9:5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

Act 9:6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."

Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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Act 9:28 And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

Act 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

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## God's Providence Working To Bring Paul To Jerusalem And To Rome

Rom 15:30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

Rom 15:31 that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

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Rom 15:32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company.

Rom 15:33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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## God's Providence Working To Bring Paul To Jerusalem And To Rome

Act 21:17 After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

Act 24:17 "Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings;

Act 24:18 in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been purified, without any crowd or uproar. But there were some Jews from Asia--

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Act 24:19 who ought to have been present before you and to make accusation, if they should have anything against me.

Act 21:27 When the seven days were almost over, the Jews from Asia, upon seeing him in the temple, *began* to stir up all the crowd and laid hands on him,

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Act 21:28 crying out, "Men of Israel, come to our aid! This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people and the Law and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."

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Act 21:31 While they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the commander of the *Roman* cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.

Act 21:32 At once he took along *some* soldiers and centurions and ran down to them; and when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

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Act 21:33 Then the commander came up and took hold of him, and ordered him to be bound with two chains; and he *began* asking who he was and what he had done.

Act 22:25 But when they stretched him out with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman and uncondemned?"

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Act 22:29 Therefore those who were about to examine him immediately let go of him; and the commander also was afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had put him in chains.

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Act 23:6 But perceiving that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began crying out in the Council, "Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!"

Act 23:7 As he said this, there occurred a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.

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Act 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

Act 23:9 And there occurred a great uproar; and some of the scribes of the Pharisaic party stood up and began to argue heatedly, saying, "We find nothing wrong with this man; suppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?"

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Act 23:10 And as a great dissension was developing, the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them and ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force, and bring him into the barracks.

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Act 23:11 But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, "Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also."

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Act 23:16 But the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, and he came and entered the barracks and told Paul.

Act 23:17 Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Lead this young man to the commander, for he has something to report to him."

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Act 23:23 And he called to him two of the centurions and said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready by the third hour of the night to proceed to Caesarea, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen."

Act 23:24 They were also to provide mounts to put Paul on and bring him safely to Felix the governor.

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Act 24:24 But some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus.

Act 24:25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."

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Act 24:26 At the same time too, he was hoping that money would be given him by Paul; therefore he also used to send for him quite often and converse with him.

Act 24:27 But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and wishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

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Act 25:9 But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me on these charges?"

Act 25:10 But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you also very well know.

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Act 25:11 "If, then, I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is true of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."

Act 25:12 Then when Festus had conferred with his council, he answered, "You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go."

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Act 27:21 When they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, "Men, you ought to have followed my advice and not to have set sail from Crete and incurred this damage and loss.

Act 27:22 "Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

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Act 27:23 "For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me,

Act 27:24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.'

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Act 27:25 "Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.

Act 27:26 "But we must run aground on a certain island."

Act 28:16 When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

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Act 28:30 And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him,

Act 28:31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.

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Php 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

Php 1:13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

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Php 1:14 and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

Php 1:15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

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Php 1:16 the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

Php 1:17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

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Php 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice,

Php 1:19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

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Php 1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Php 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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Php 1:22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

Php 1:23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;

Php 1:24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

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## God's Providence Working In Christians Today

- It is hard for us to know exactly how God works in our lives today
- But, we can be assured He does as we trust and submit to His Word
- Often, looking backward, we can see how He works His purpose in our lives overcoming evil and bringing about good results to His glory

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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## God Works All Things For Good To Those Who Love Him

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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## God Works All Things For Good To Those Who Love Him

Jas 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren,  
when you encounter various trials,

Jas 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith  
produces endurance.

Jas 1:4 And let endurance have its perfect  
result, so that you may be perfect and  
complete, lacking in nothing.

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## God Answers Prayers and Strengthens Those Who Obey His Word

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in  
everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made  
known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which  
surpasses all comprehension, will guard  
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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## God Answers Prayers and Strengthens Those Who Obey His Word

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable, whatever is right,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is of good repute, if there is any  
excellence and if anything worthy of praise,  
dwell on these things.

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Php 4:9 The things you have learned and  
received and heard and seen in me, practice  
these things, and the God of peace will be  
with you.

Php 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly,  
that now at last you have revived your  
concern for me; indeed, you were concerned  
before, but you lacked opportunity.

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## God Answers Prayers and Strengthens Those Who Obey His Word

Php 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I  
have learned to be content in whatever  
circumstances I am.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him  
who strengthens me.

Php 4:19 And my God will supply all your  
needs according to His riches in glory in  
Christ Jesus.

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## God Will Delivery Us From Temptation If We Resist Satan

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken  
you but such as is common to man; and  
God is faithful, who will not allow you to be  
tempted beyond what you are able, but with  
the temptation will provide the way of  
escape also, so that you will be able to  
endure it.

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1Pe 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

1Pe 5:7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

1Pe 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

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1Pe 5:9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

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1Pe 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

1Pe 5:11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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## He Will Provide Our Daily Needs When We Seek Him First

Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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## He Will Provide Our Daily Needs When We Seek Him First

Mat 6:25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

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Mat 6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

Mat 6:27 "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?

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Mat 6:28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,  
Mat 6:29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

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Mat 6:30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!  
Mat 6:31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'

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Mat 6:32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.  
Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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## God Comforts Us in All Afflictions So We May Comfort Others

2Co 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
2Co 1:4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

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2Co 1:5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.  
2Co 1:6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

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2Co 1:7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.  
2Co 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

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2Co 1:9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

2Co 1:10 who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

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2Co 1:11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

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1Jn 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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2Ti 4:17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth.

2Ti 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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