

The Wonder of God's Providence (Genesis 37-50)

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I. His Presence

- A. The Lord was with Joseph (Gen. 39:2, 3, 21, 23)
- B. The Lord is with you today (Heb. 13:5-6; Deut. 31:6; Matt. 28:20b; 2 Tim. 4:16-17)

II. His Protection

- A. The Lord took care of Joseph (Gen. 39:21; 49:24-26)
- B. The Lord takes care of you today (Psa. 33:20; 34:7, 15; 37:23-25; 118:6; Rom. 8:31; Mt. 6:19-34; 1 Pet. 5:6-7)

III. His Provision

- A. The Lord provided for Joseph so he could survive & thrive (Gen. 39:2, 3, 5, 23) + favor (39:4, 5, 6, 21, 22)
- B. The Lord provides for you today (cf. Jas. 1:17; Matt. 7:7-11; Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 9:8; 1 Tim. 6:17; John 10:10)

IV. His Promise

- A. The Lord had promised "good" to Joseph (Gen. 50:20)
- B. The Lord has promised "good" to you today (Ro. 8:28)

V. His Purpose

- A. The Lord had a purpose in mind for Joseph – to preserve life and save (45:5-7)
 - 1. The Lord placed Joseph in a position to accomplish His purpose (45:8)
 - 2. God was working in Joseph to accomplish His purpose
- B. The Lord has a purpose in mind for us & His providence will work toward it
 - 1. God has an "end" in mind for us – "salvation of [our] souls" (1 Pet. 1:9; Rom. 6:22; cf. Gen. 50:20; Jas. 5:11)
 - 2. Let's trust that as we fulfill His purpose, He fulfills His purpose in us (Phil. 2:12-13)

VI. His Power

- A. The Lord's power preserved Joseph, and he knew it (Gen. 41:51-52)
- B. The Lord's power preserves His people today, and we need to know it!
 - 1. The power to deliver you – 2 Pet. 2:9; Mt. 6:13; 1 Cor. 10:13
 - 2. The power to keep what you commit unto Him – 2 Tim. 1:12
 - 3. The power to reserve heaven for you – 1 Pet. 1:4-5; 2 Ti. 4:18
 - 4. The power to do all things for you – Eph. 3:20-21

The Narrow Way to Heaven (Matthew 7:13-14)

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I. There Is ONE God

- A. There is a God (Gen. 1:1; Psa. 19:1; 14:1)
- B. There is only one God (Eph. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Jas. 2:19)
- C. The only God is the God of the Bible (Deut. 4:39; 1 Kgs. 8:60; Isa. 44:8; 45:5, 6, 14, 18, 21, 22; 46:9; 1 Cor. 8:4-6)

II. There Is ONE Book

- A. The Bible is inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 2:10-13)
- B. The Bible alone is inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:17; 2 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3)

III. There Is ONE Religion

- A. Being religious is not enough (Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Acts 17:22-31)
- B. Christianity is the only acceptable religion (John 14:6; Acts 10:1-48)

IV. There Is ONE Church

- A. There is one church (Eph. 4:4+1:22-23)
- B. There is only one church
 - 1. Only one church prophesied by God (Isa. 2:2-3; Dan. 2:44)
 - 2. Only one church promised by Jesus (Matt. 16:18-19)
 - 3. Only one church purchased by Jesus (Acts 20:28)
 - 4. Only one church planted by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:36-47)
 - 5. Only one church preached by the apostles (Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:13)
- C. The one church is not a compilation of denominations (Eph. 4:4-6)
 - 1. Denominations all have different origins & teach different doctrines—cannot be the ONE church
- D. The one church is identified by its doctrine (1 Cor. 1:10; Gal. 1:6-9)
 - 1. The ONE CHURCH teaches what the N.T. teaches (Rev. 22:18-19; 1 Tim. 1:3)
 - 2. The ONE CHURCH practices what the N.T. teaches to practice (2 John 9-11)
 - 3. The ONE CHURCH does NOT teach or follow manmade doctrines (Mt. 15:9)
- E. The one church alone will enter heaven (1 Cor. 15:24)

V. There Is ONE Plan of Salvation

- A. The Bible teaches salvation/eternal life is in Christ (Rom. 6:23; Acts 4:12)
- B. One must believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16-18; 20:30-31; Rom. 10:9-10)
- C. One must repent of his sins and unto life (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:18; 17:30)
- D. One must confess his faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9-10; Phil. 2:10)
- E. One must be baptized INTO Christ (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; Acts 2:38)
- F. Only then is one saved and registered in heaven (Mark 16:16; Heb. 12:23)

VI. There Is ONE Lifestyle

- A. A Christian must navigate the narrow path (Mt. 7:13-14)
- B. A Christian must remain faithful (Rev. 2:10)
- C. A Christian must walk with Jesus (1 John 1:7)
- D. A Christian must conform himself to the image of Jesus (Rom. 12:1-2)
- E. A Christian must always abound in the Lord's work (1 Cor. 15:58)

Stand for Truth (Ephesians 6:10-13)

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I. Foundation: The Bible Is Truth (John 17:17)

- A. The Bible is God's truth (1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)
- B. The Bible is absolute truth (Eph. 1:13; John 8:32; 16:13)
- C. The Bible is eternal truth (Matt. 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:23)
- D. The Bible is infallible truth (Psa. 19:7; Isa. 55:10-11)
- E. The Bible is unwavering truth (Psa. 119:89; Gal. 1:8-9)
- F. The Bible is authoritative truth (Col. 3:17; John 12:48)
- G. The Bible is final truth (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jude 3)

II. Specification: The Bible Is the Source of All Truth (John 16:13)

- A. The Bible Is the Source of Divine Truth
 1. God exists (Gen. 1:1; Rom. 1:20; Heb. 3:4)
 2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God (John 20:30-31; Rom. 1:4)
 3. The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:10-14)
- B. The Bible Is the Source of Doctrinal Truth
 1. Personal sin separates man from God (1 John 3:4; Rom. 6:23)
 2. God offers salvation to all through His marvelous grace (Eph. 2:5)
 3. Only obedience to God's will can bring salvation (Matt. 7:21)
 4. Salvation requires faith, repentance and baptism (Acts 2:37-38)
 5. There is only one church established by Jesus (Eph. 4:4)
 6. The church is essential to one's salvation (Eph. 5:23)
 7. Worship must be done according to God's pattern (John 4:23-24)
 8. Faithful living unto death is necessary for eternal life (Rev. 2:10)
 9. The Bible is the only authority for acceptable living (Col. 3:17)
 10. Everyone will stand before Jesus at the judgment (Rom. 14:12)
- C. The Bible Is the Source of Moral Truth
 1. God created human life, which begins at conception (Jer. 1:5; Psa. 139)
 2. God created two distinctly identifiable genders (Gen. 1:27; Mk. 10:6)
 3. God created comparable, heterosexual beings (Gen. 1:28; 2:18)
 4. God created marriage, marriage laws & the marriage bed (Gen. 2:18-25)
 5. God set forth standards for purity of living (Col. 3:1-25)

III. Obligation: We Must Stand for Truth (Eph. 6:10-20)

- A. Effectively & Capably Standing for Truth Requires:
 1. Learning the Truth (2 Tim. 2:15)
 2. Knowing the Truth (John 8:32)
 3. Respecting the Truth (Rev. 22:18-19)
 4. Desiring the Truth (Psa. 119:131)
 5. Loving the Truth (2 Thess. 2:10)
 6. Speaking the Truth (Eph. 4:15)
 7. Living the Truth (3 John 3-4)
 8. Defending the Truth (Jude 3)
 9. Standing Firm in/for the Truth (Gal. 2:5)
 10. Being Unashamed of the Truth (Rom. 1:16)

Can We Understand the Bible Alike? (1 Corinthians 1:9-10)

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I. Is It Possible for Man to Understand ANYTHING Alike?

- A. Sales ad
- B. Recipe
- C. Simple math
- D. Road signs
- E. The Bible

II. Is It Possible for Man to Understand THE BIBLE?

- A. The testimony of the O.T. says, "YES!"
 - 1. The law was read and understood by men, women & children (Neh. 8:2-3, 8)
- B. The testimony of Jesus says, "YES!"
 - 1. Jesus rebuked the Sadducees for not knowing the Scriptures (Matt. 22:29)
 - 2. Jesus said the good soil "hears the word and understands it" (Matt. 13:23)
 - 3. Jesus said that "anyone who wills to do His will...shall know...the doctrine" (Jn. 7:17)
 - 4. Jesus said that Scriptures (His words) would judge all men in the last day (Jn. 12:48)
- C. The testimony of Paul says, "YES!"
 - 1. Timothy understood from childhood (2 Tim. 3:15)
 - 2. Whole books were to be read (Col. 4:16)
 - 3. When Christians read the Scriptures they would understand them (Eph. 3:4)
 - 4. Parts of books were addressed to husbands, wives, children, slaves, etc. (Eph. 5:22-6:9)
 - 5. Readers were expected to understand the will of God (Eph. 5:17)

III. Is It Possible for Man to Understand THE BIBLE Alike??

- A. Man can understand many matters alike
- B. Understanding the Bible is not only possible – Understanding the Bible IS EXPECTED!
- C. If we understand the Bible at all, WE'LL UNDERSTAND IT ALIKE!
 - 1. That's the only way to understand it!
 - 2. No such thing as understanding differently!
 - 3. Man can misunderstand differently, but not understand differently
 - 4. We don't "understand math differently"
- D. God created the world, us & the Bible

IV. If the Bible Cannot Be Understood ALIKE, Then...

- A. There can be no unity!
 - 1. The unity Jesus prayed for is impossible (John 17:20-21)
 - 2. The unity that Paul commanded is only wishful thinking (1 Cor. 1:10)
- B. Either God's will or His ability is lacking!
 - 1. Either God could write a book that could be understood but wouldn't (not willing!)...
 - 2. Or God would write a book that could be understood but couldn't (not able!)
 - 3. Yet He gave us a book & required us to understand it in order to be saved

C. The Bible is reduced to nonsense!

1. Matthew 4:4
2. John 8:31-32
3. Romans 16:17
4. 1 Corinthians 14:33
5. Galatians 1:8-9
6. Philippians 3:16
7. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

D. God intended for the Bible to be understood and to be understood alike!

V. The Reality Is: We Do Understand the Bible Alike!

1. Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6
2. Genesis 6:14-16 → As easy to understand as Ephesians 5:19
3. Exodus 20:12-17
4. Joshua 6:1-5 → As easy to understand as Mark 16:16
5. Isaiah 53:3-8
6. Matthew 22:37-39
7. Romans 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:15; John 15:13
8. We understand the Bible ALIKE, UNTIL we get ourselves in the way!

VI. Helps to Understanding the Bible & Understanding It Alike

- A. Let go of preconceived ideas and beliefs (Phil. 3:4-8; Acts 26:9)
- B. Let go of the words and teachings of man (Mark 7:8-13)
- C. Respect the Bible as THE authority in religion (Col. 3:17; Jn. 12:48)
- D. Open the mind and heart to finding truth (John 7:17; Matt. 7:7)
- E. Have a desire for and true love for the truth (2 Th. 2:10; 1 Pet. 2:2)
- F. Desire and expect to understand (Eph. 3:4; 5:17)
- G. Have an eagerness to submit fully to God's word (Psa. 119:1-176)
- H. Be willing to shun any and all perversions of the Word (2 Jn. 7-11; Eph. 5:11; Rom. 16:17; 1 Tim. 6:3-5)
- I. Pray for wisdom and understanding (1 Jn. 5:14; Matt. 7:7; Jas. 1:5)
- J. Study the Bible diligently & honestly (2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11)
 1. Consider the context
 - (a) Who is speaking? Who is being addressed? When did this happen?
 - (b) What part of the Bible? Is it figurative language?
 - (c) What is under discussion in verses before & after?
 2. Be thorough in your study
 - (a) Gather all that the Bible says relevant to a topic (Psa. 119:160)
 - (b) Realize that not all the truth is found in one verse
 - (c) Handle aright (properly, accurately & thoroughly) the Word
 - (d) If an apparent contradiction, (1) know the Bible doesn't contradict itself, (2) allow the plain passage to explain the more difficult one
 3. Use common sense

Jesus Taught More About It Than Anyone Else (Matthew 25:41-46)

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I. Introduction

- A. One of Jesus' favorite topics:
 - 1. God's love (John 3:16)
 - 2. His love (John 15:13)
 - 3. Love God (Matt. 22:37)
 - 4. Love Jesus (John 14:15)
 - 5. Love one another (Jn. 13:34)
 - 6. Love our neighbor (Mt. 22:39)
 - 7. Love our enemies (Mt. 5:44)
- B. Jesus also taught frequently about:
 - 1. Making right choices (Mt. 6:19-24)
 - 2. Seriousness of sin (John 8:34)
 - 3. Consequences of sin (John 8:21, 24)
 - 4. Divine justice (Matt. 16:27)
 - 5. Day of judgment (John 12:48)
 - 6. Being ready for it (Matt. 24:36-51)
 - 7. Danger if unprepared (Mt. 25:1-46)
 - 8. Hell (Mt. 25:41-46; Mk. 9:42-48)
- C. If there is no eternal punishment in hell, why did Jesus come?
 - 1. Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)—Why, if no hell?
 - 2. Jesus came to save His people from sins (Matt. 1:21)—Why, if no hell?
 - 3. Jesus came to give His life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:28)— Why, if no hell?
 - 4. Jesus came to die on the cross (John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32-33)— Why, if no hell?
 - 5. Jesus came to shed His blood for the remission of sins (Mt. 26:28)— Why, if no hell?

II. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Real Place

- A. The Greek word for hell is "Gehenna"
- B. The word is found 12 times in the New Testament
- C. Jesus used the word 11 of the 12 times
- D. "Fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28)
- E. Jesus used a number of different words to describe hell

III. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Place of Condemnation

- A. Ones in hell are "condemned" to hell, having been judged and sentenced – they are "damned" there (Matt. 23:33)
- B. Those who "have done evil" are condemned to hell (John 5:29)
- C. Those who "speak evil things" are condemned to hell (Matt. 12:37)
- D. Those who do not believe and are not baptized are condemned to hell (Mark 16:16)

IV. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Place of Punishment

- A. "These will go away into everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46)
- B. "Punishment" indicates a resulting consequence for one's action
- C. "Punishment" implies a consciousness

V. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Place of Utter Loss

- A. Hell is a place of “destruction,” where “destroyed” (Matt. 7:13; 10:28)
- B. The same Greek word is used of:
 - 1. A “lost” sheep (Matt. 10:6)
 - 2. Disciples “perishing” in a storm (Luke 8:24)
 - 3. A “lost” son (Luke 15:24)
 - 4. A lost son who was “perishing with hunger” (15:17)
- C. The word means a “loss of well-being” – Hell will be the ultimate loss of well-being!

VI. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Place of Fire

- A. Jesus used the word “fire” 16 times in reference to hell
- B. “Hell fire” (Matt. 5:22; 18:9; Mark 9:47)
- C. “Furnace of fire” (Matt. 13:42, 50)
- D. “Everlasting fire” (Matt. 18:8; 25:41)
- E. “The fire shall never be quenched” (Mark 9:43, 44, 45, 46, 48)

VII. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Place of Torment

- A. In hell, they are “burned in the fire” (Matt. 13:40, 30; John 15:6)
- B. In hell, there is “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28)
- C. In hell, “Their worm does not die” (Mark 9:44, 46, 48)
- D. In hell, they are “tormented in flame” (cf. Luke 16:24)

VIII. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Place of Separation

- A. On the day of judgment, Jesus will say to certain ones:
 - 1. “Depart from me” (Matt. 7:23; 25:41)
- B. Jesus said that certain ones will:
 - 1. “Be cast into” hell (Matt. 5:30; 13:42, 50; 18:8-9; 22:13; 25:30; Mark 9:45, 47; Luke 12:5; John 15:6)
 - 2. “Be cast out into” hell (Matt. 8:12)
 - 3. “Be thrown into” hell (Matt. 7:19; 13:48; John 15:6)
 - 4. “Go away into” hell (Matt. 25:46)
- C. Jesus said that those in hell will:
 - 1. “Die in [their] sins” (John 8:24, 51)
 - 2. Dwell in “outer darkness” (Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30)
 - 3. Be eternally exiled from the presence of God
- D. Jesus will “separate the wicked from among the just” (Matt. 13:49)
- E. Those in hell will be separated from God, Christ, the redeemed, Christian family members, heaven itself, etc.

IX. Jesus Taught That Hell Is A Place for the Devil & His Followers

- A. For “the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41)
- B. For those who reject the authority of Christ (Matt. 7:21-23)
- C. For those who persist in unbelief in the face of overwhelming evidence (Matt. 11:20-24)
- D. For those unwilling to give up whatever keeps them from God (Mark 9:43-48)
- E. For hypocrites who profess one thing & do another (Mt. 23:13-36)
- F. For selfish, uncompassionate servants of Christ (Matt. 25:41-46)
- G. For those who are false teachers (Matt. 15:13-14)
- H. For those who do not believe and are not baptized (Mark 16:16)

X. Jesus Taught That Hell Is An Eternal, Everlasting, Forever Place

- A. It is a place of “everlasting punishment” (Matt. 25:46)
- B. It is a place of “eternal condemnation” (Mark 3:29)
- C. It is a place of “everlasting fire” (Matt. 18:8; 25:41)
- D. It is a place of “unquenchable fire” (Mark 9:43, 48)
- E. It is a place where the “worm dieth not” (Mk. 9:44,46,48)
- F. Hell is never ending!

XI. Salvation from Sins & from Hell Is Conditional

- A. First, you must face the inevitable consequences of:
 - 1. Disobeying God
 - 2. Refusing to obey His will
 - 3. Rejecting Jesus
 - 4. Neglecting His salvation
 - 5. Turning away from Him
 - 6. Leaving the narrow path
- B. Next, you must make a choice! It is up to you!
 - 1. Jesus calls us to make every sacrifice is necessary to avoid hell!
 - 2. What are you holding on to? What is holding you back?
 - 3. Jesus taught about hell...because He doesn't want you there!

XII. You Must Be “In Christ” In Order to Stay “Out of Hell”

- A. Two eternal realities (Rom. 6:23):
 - 1. “The wages of sin is death...”
 - 2. “But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- B. Are you “in Christ” RIGHT NOW?
 - 1. Not if you haven't believed Jesus is God's Son (John 8:24)
 - 2. Not if you haven't repented of your sins (Luke 13:3)
 - 3. Not if you haven't confessed your faith (Matt. 10:32-33)
 - 4. Not if you haven't been baptized for forgiveness (Mark 16:16)
- C. Have you been “baptized into Christ” (Gal. 3:27)?
- D. Are you faithfully “abiding in Christ” (John 15:1-10)?

Victory! (Revelation 21-22)

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I. The Reward of Victory

- A. Receive the victor's crown: The crown of life (Rev. 2:10)
- B. Receive the victor's clothing: White garments/robe (Rev. 3:5; 6:11)
- C. Receive the victor's city: The holy city of God (Rev. 3:12; 21:1-27)

II. The Rejoicing of Victory

- A. Rejoicing because of what is there:
 - 1. The presence of God (21:3)
 - 2. The face of God (22:4)
 - 3. The light of God (21:23; 22:5)
 - 4. The glory of God (21:11, 23)
 - 5. The throne of God (4:2-11; 22:1-3)
 - 6. The people of God (21:3, 27; 22:3)
- B. Rejoicing because of what is NOT there:
 - 1. No tears (Rev. 21:4)
 - 2. No death or despair (Rev. 21:4)
 - 3. No sorrow or grief (Rev. 21:4)
 - 4. No crying (Rev. 21:4)
 - 5. No pain (Rev. 21:4)
 - 6. No sun or moon (21:23; 22:5)
 - 7. No lamp (22:5)
 - 8. No night (21:25; 22:5)
 - 9. No person or thing to adversely influence us (21:27)
 - 10. No curse (22:3)
 - 11. No lies (21:8, 27; 22:15)
 - 12. No sin
 - 13. No byproducts of sin

III. The Response of Victory

- A. Celebrating and worshiping God (4:2-11; 5:8-14; 11:16-18; 14:1-5; 15:2-4; 19:1, 4-6)
- B. Celebrating and serving God (1:1; 7:15; 22:3, 6)
- C. Celebrating and reigning with God (22:5; cf. 3:21)

IV. The Requirements for Victory

- A. Must thirst for it (21:6; 22:17)
- B. Must overcome sin & the devil (21:7)
- C. Must be saved (21:24)
 - 1. By believing Jesus is God's Son (Acts 16:31)
 - 2. By repenting of sin and turning to God (Acts 2:38)
 - 3. By confessing faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10)
 - 4. By being immersed into Christ (Acts 22:16)
- D. Must have name in the Lamb's Book of Life (21:27)
- E. Must be a servant of God (22:3)
- F. Must keep His commandments (22:14)

Putting a Stranglehold on Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

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I. Prohibition Against Worrying

- A. Stop worrying (6:25)
- B. Do not start worrying (6:31, 34)
- C. Greek word means “draw in different directions, divide the mind, distract”

II. Profitless Result of Worrying

- A. Worrying will not feed you (6:25)
- B. Worrying will not grow you (6:27)
- C. Worrying will not clothe you (6:28)
- D. Worrying will not stop or fix tomorrow (6:34)
- E. Worrying will make you like the heathen (6:32)
- F. Worry is like a rocking chair: It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

III. Prescription to Stop Worrying

- A. At its core, worry is a “thought process”
 - 1. Is it reasonable to assume we can control worry by changing our thinking?
 - 2. Can we think upon things which are antidotal to thoughts that produce anxiety?
 - 3. Jesus said, “Take no thought” (KJV), “Look,” “Consider,” and asked 5 thought questions. Jesus' prescription for overcoming worry focuses on our thoughts.
- B. Focus Your Thoughts on...The Purpose of Your Life...in God's Eyes (6:25)
 - 1. Your purpose in life is more than worry! Stay tuned! More to come on this!
- C. Focus Your Thoughts on...The Providential Care of God (6:26-32)
 - 1. God takes care of birds—He will take care of you! (6:26)
 - 2. God takes care of flowers—He will take care of you! (6:28-30)
 - 3. Do you realize how valuable you are to God? (6:26b)
 - 4. Your heavenly Father KNOWS – Omniscience of God (6:32, 8; 7:11)
 - 5. Pray, pray, pray!!! Cast your cares upon God and TRUST God!!!
 - 6. Clothes & food are secondary—focus attention/energies on what is important (6:33)
- D. Focus Your Thoughts on...The Production of Greater Faith in God (6:30b)
 - 1. Faith is the great antidote of worry (1 John 5:4-5)
 - 2. No matter what else is happening, “I believe God that it will be just as it was told me!” (Acts 27:25)
 - 3. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), for our good (8:28+18)
- E. Focus Your Thoughts on...The Purpose of Your Life...in God's Eyes (6:33)
 - 1. Busy yourself in the work of the kingdom and doing right
 - 2. Transfer your care to more worthy objects – make church your chief concern
- F. Focus Your Thoughts on...The Present (6:34)
 - 1. Live life one day at a time!
 - 2. God gives us enough strength to handle the problems of today
 - 3. TRUST in God who HOLDS the FUTURE
 - 4. Count your blessings, not your misfortunes (keep a positive attitude)
- G. Change your focus – look for the good instead of evil...for God instead of the world