

“Give us this day our daily bread...” (Matt 6:11)

## HOW SHOULD WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE THAT BREAD?

- Still expected to work! (Gen. 3:17, 2 Thess. 3:10)
- The era of manna from heaven has ended (Josh. 5:12)
- The age of signs and wonders has ceased, too (1 Cor 13:8-10, Acts 8:18)

SO HOW DOES GOD PROVIDE?

# PROVIDENCE

# THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king. Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?' While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.' Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws. (Dan 4:28-33)

# THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

...it is you, O king; for you have become great and grown strong, and your majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your dominion to the end of the earth. ... that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, **until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.** And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you **after you recognize that it is Heaven that rules.**

(Dan 4:22, 25-26)

# THERE IS NOTHING MIRACLES CAN DO THAT PROVIDENCE CAN'T

## MIRACLE

JESUS

Mk 4:39

NAAMAN

2 Kgs 5:14

PETER

Acts 12:7-10

LAZARUS

Jhn 11:43f

WEATHER  
CONTROL

HEAL  
THE SICK

RESCUE AN  
APOSTLE

RAISE THE  
DEAD

## PROVIDENCE

ELIJAH

Jas. 5:17-18

TIMOTHY

1 Tim 5:23

PAUL

Acts 23:16-22

EPHESIAN RIOT

2 Cor 1:9-10, Acts 19

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## MIRACLE

BABEL

Gen. 11:1-9

ASSYRIA

2 Kgs 19:35

JERICHO

Josh 6

MARY

Matt 1:18

SCATTER &  
SEPARATE

STOP AN  
ARMY

DESTROY  
A CITY

PROVIDE  
OFFSPRING

## PROVIDENCE

JERUSALEM

Acts 8:1-4

GIDEON

Judg. 7

TYRE

Ezek 26

HANNAH

1 Sam 1:19

# EXAMPLES OF PROVIDENCE

## ISAAC & REBEKAH

He said, "O LORD, the God of my master, Abraham, please grant me success today, and show lovingkindness to my master, Abraham. Behold, I am standing by the spring, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water; now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also'--may she be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant, Isaac; and by this I will know that You have shown lovingkindness to my master." **Before he had finished speaking**, behold, **Rebekah** who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother, Nahor, **came out with her jar on her shoulder**. (Gen 24:12-15)

## JOSEPH

Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for **am I in God's place? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result**, to preserve many people alive. So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. (Gen 50:18-21)

But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and **my reason returned to me**, and I blessed the

Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but **He does according to His will in the host of heaven** and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

(Dan 4:34-35)