

God's Providential Care

TEXT: Matthew 2:13-23; Psalm 91

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Psalms 37:3,25; 103:3-5; Isaiah 40:29-31; 43:2; Revelation 3:10

KEY VERSE: Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. — Psalm 91:9,10

RESOURCE MATERIAL: Tract No. 22 — Weighed in the Balance, Tract No. 66 — Rescued by God from a Watery Grave

We walk through a world that is fraught with dangers, and the only source of true protection is God. In our text, God's providential care is beautifully shown by the angel's directing Joseph to take the young child Jesus and His mother to Egypt. However, God's care is not limited to the preservation of His Son. It is fulfilled in the life of each one who follows His Word.

1. Give a definition of divine *providence*. Who enjoys this blessing?

2. By whom and for what reason was Joseph instructed to take Jesus and Mary into Egypt? Why was Egypt chosen? See Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:15.

3. Why did Herod order the killing of children who were two years of age and under? See Matthew 2:16-18.

4. In Matthew 1 and 2, how many times did an angel appear to Joseph with instructions from God? List several ways that God shows His providence today.

5. In Psalm 91, a key is given by which divine providence may be obtained. What is that key?

6. In applying the Scripture to our day, make a list of at least six blessings promised to us in Psalm 91.

7. When the devil tempted Jesus (Matthew 4:6), he quoted Psalm 91:11,12. What part of that quote did the devil leave out? Why did Jesus resist the temptation?

8. Psalm 91:14-16 seems to be a direct quote from God. What might be meant by “set his love upon me,” and “shew him my salvation”? See John 3:16.

9. Give an example of divine providence in your life, or in the life of someone you know.