



FAMILIES: ASSEMBLY REQUIRED
THE FAMILY'S ANCHOR | RUTH 2:1-23
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God is the sure and steadfast anchor of the soul who is always at work around us.

How do we understand a theological word like providence?

- Define It: "God is always at work around us." -Henry Blackaby
- Sing It: "Way Maker." -Leland
- Read It: "God goes before us, beside us, and behind us." -Ruth 2

God goes before us. (v. 1-2)

- Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him win whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." - Ruth 2:1-2
- When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. - Lev. 19:9-10

God goes beside us. (v. 3-8)

- So, she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you." Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So, she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest. - Ruth 2:3-7

God's providence doesn't exclude human plans or prudence.

Prudence is wise and careful judgment that guides how we think, act, and make decisions in step with the principles of God's Word.

The two dangerous errors when making plans or using prudence:

1. I can sit back and do nothing
2. I can do it all by myself.



God goes behind us. (v. 9-23)

God provided:

- Ruth 2:8 – Sustenance
- Ruth 2:9 – Security
- Ruth 2:14 – Satisfaction
- Ruth 2:18 – Family
- Ruth 2:20 – Redemption

How can we put it all together in a daily prayer?

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my scup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
- Psalm 23:1-6

Providence Evidenced In Psalm 23:

- God goes before with leadership. (v. 1-2)
- God goes beside with protection. (v. 3-4)
- God goes behind with provision. (v. 5-6)

Application

- Drop The Anchor
- Watch The Anchor
- Pull The Anchor