

God Is In the Details

1 Samuel 9:1-10:27

Introduction: There is no detail outside of God's perfect control.

Ephesians 1:11, "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,"

Heidelberg Catechism, Q 27: What do you understand by the Providence of God?

Answer: "The almighty, everywhere-present power of God, whereby, as it were by his hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things come not by chance, but by his fatherly hand."

Believing God is in the details is essential to your peace, humility, and overall spiritual well-being.

1 Samuel 8:4-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20

The sin was not in their request, but in the motive behind their request.

1 Samuel 12

Their request for a king was not sinful, it was their trust in a king that was sinful.

Psalms 118:8-9; 146:3-6

These things were written for our instruction (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:6); they teach us by exposing our sinful tendency to trust in anything or anyone *but God*.

Key Truth: You should trust God because He is working in the details of your life.

1 Samuel 9:1-19

The designations 'man of God,' 'seer,' and 'prophet' are basically synonyms in the OT.

I. God's Providence in the Mundane

Proverbs 16:9, "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps."

Proverbs 20:24, "A man's steps are from the LORD; how then can man understand his way?"

The LORD had determined to use Saul as a way of punishing His people.

II. God's Providence in the Human Heart

1 Samuel 10:9

God gave him another heart in the sense of giving him the gifts and abilities needed to fulfill God's calling for him.

1 Samuel 10:24-27

1 Samuel is "the oldest textbook in political freedom."