Study
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Ep. 1430: How Does God's Providence Work in Our Lives?   **See:**   CQRewind
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1. What is a working definition of "God's providence"?

2. How does Israel as a nation in the wilderness and Jesus in the Temple at 12 years old help us comprehend God's providence? (Deuteronomy 8:2-6, Luke 2:48-51)

3. Compare and contrast Israel in the wilderness for 40 years versus Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days. (Matthew 4:1-4)

4. When has God provided providential support and then relief during a difficult, challenging, uphill battle in your life? Have you felt His presence at that time? Looking back, did fighting through the trial like Jesus did give you strength?

5. Why did Jesus have to experience hunger in the wilderness, and what does this teach us about God's sustaining power? (Matthew 4:1–4)

6. Answer truthfully to yourself: How do you improve these situations?

    a. Do I ever proclaim faith in God's providence, while standing on the compromised ground of my own weak decisions?
    b. Am I properly asking God to guide my future, but still clinging to habits or choices that keep me on shaky ground?
    c. Do I ask God to bless me with peace, but continue to feed my anxiety with the same unhealthy patterns that keep me spiritually off-balance?

7. Explain three ways we can identify God's providence in our lives—where to look, how to apply, and what we hope to gain. (James 4:13–17; 2 Timothy 3:14–17)

8. How might we misapply Scripture, as Satan did when twisting Psalm 91? How does 2 Timothy 3:14–17 help us avoid this?

9. What do Jesus' life objectives teach us about positioning ourselves to receive God's providence? (Psalms 40:7-8, John 4:31-34, Matthew 26:36-46, Hebrews 12:4-7, 1 Corinthians 10:12-14)

10. Can you recall a time when God's providence sustained you through an isolating experience?

11. How can we prepare our hearts to receive God's providence when He allows hunger, difficulty, solitude, or the rejection of ease, as Jesus did in the wilderness?

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