



**The Providence
of God
Message 2**

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► **Outline**

You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.

Proverbs 19:21 (NLT)

A. Origin of Santa Claus.

B. Sovereignty vs. Providence

Sovereignty is an _____ of God
referring to His _____ to rule and
control the world.

(Psalm 103:19; 115:3; 135:5-6)

Providence is an _____ by God
sustaining our _____ and arranging
our _____.

**(Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 1:17;
James 4:13-14)**

**C. God's providence is demonstrated through...
(Proverbs 16:9; Isaiah 46:9-11)**

**1. Supernatural _____.
(Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18;
Hebrews 2:14-17; 7:26)**

**2. Specific _____ and _____.
(Proverbs 21:1; Matthew 2:1-6; Luke 2:1-11;
Galatians 4:4)**

Reasons time was right:

Relative _____,

Improved _____,

One _____,

Spiritual _____.

Answers: B. attribute, authority, action, world, lives C. 1. conception 2. time, place, peace, roads, language, openness

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com, or bible.com. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

If you could write a note to your younger self, what would you say in two words?

Opening in Prayer

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. [Psalm 119:18 \(NIV\)](#)
Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Isaiah 46:9-11](#).

1. As you first hear or read these words, what's your initial reaction? How does this passage strike you?
2. Write down several things that are true according to this passage.
3. How do you think God wants you to respond to these truths?
4. What do the following passages teach us about God?
 - a. [Psalm 103:19](#)
 - b. [Psalm 115:3](#)
 - c. [Psalm 145:15-17](#)
 - d. [Colossians 1:17](#)
 - e. [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)
5. How would you describe the difference between *providence* and *fate*?
6. How have you seen God's providence at work in your life?

7. When do you struggle to believe and trust that God is in control?
8. If someone asked you *how can God be in control when there's so much evil in the world*, how would you respond?
9. What made the time right for God to send His Son? See [Micah 5:2-3](#); [Matthew 2:1-6](#); [John 7:40-42](#); [Galatians 4:4](#).
10. How has God been working in your life recently?

Write down one truth from this week's teaching that you never want to forget:

Spend a few minutes in prayer. Ask God to fill you with confidence so you can face the circumstances of your life with greater assurance of His goodness, control and purpose.

Soul Training

Finish this sentence in several ways, then make this your prayer:

God, thank You for watching over and caring for me when _____.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Psalm 103:10-19](#)

Day 4: [Colossians 1:15-20](#)

Day 2: [Psalm 145:15-17](#)

Day 5: [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)

Day 3: [Matthew 2:1-6](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 23, we'll continue our series *Christmas Traditions* by learning more about the PROVISION OF GOD. Prepare for this message by reading [Genesis 22:1-14](#) – the story of how God provided for Abraham.



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