

THE PROVIDENCE OF God

Intro. Great deal of sensible and foolish talk about subj of plan, purpose, prov of God. Main prob is stating enuf about it. If don't then doctrinal unbalanced (insane). This chpt godd one to make you state enuf about doctrine.

I. It is Detailed

- A. Includes winds (natural circumstances), 7, 13-14.
v 7 under Crete (e and s) to be protected from NW wind. v 14 says whirling motion rushed down from Crete. Look what it brot them.
- B. Includes ships (things of life). 3 of them, 2, 6, 28:11. God will bring what things He can trust you with.
- C. Includes contacts. Friends, 3. Strangers, 28:7.

II. It is Mysterious

- Included in I.*
- A. Why P in this ship after 20:22ff; 21:11-14. *Many emphasis on I may result in opening sin or 5 degrees SW II*
- B. Why 3 months in Malta. No recorded conversions.
- C. Why did God allow a good ship to be destroyed?
- D. Why does God allow sickness, 28:8-9/

To these unanswerable things there are 4 possible reaction

- (1) Skepticism--no God in control.
- (2) Dualism. Evil and good Gods.
- (3) Pantheism. God in all and evil unreal. Xn Sci.
- (4) Faith. Believeism.

Many emphasis on this may result in becoming an inactivity SW II

III. It is Sensible Uses means at our disposal.

- A. Looks at weather, 9-10
- B. Looks after body, 34
- C. Looks after ship, 29, 17, 19, 38
- D. Looks to future, 30-31
- E. Looks after others, 28:3

- Not emp shield head if they escaped + no drinking.

IV. It is Supernatural

- A. Includes visions, 24
- B. Uses governments, 2 3
- C. Uses unsaved, 43
- D. Uses miracles, 28:3
- E. Uses sickness, 28:7-10

Direct and indirect means but God behind all.

Concl. Use your head, ^{in common sense} your heart in faith and your life in fellowship with Him