

Preparing for Providence

Mark 1:1-8

God is constantly doing work in us and around us in preparation for his providential plan.

Providence is God's plan and complete control over all things.

The universe- Psalm 103:19, **the physical world-** Matthew 5:45, **the affairs of nations-** Psalm 66:7, **human destiny-** Galatians 1:15, **human successes and failures-** Luke 1:52, **the protection of His people-** Psalm 4:8, **and our salvation-** Ephesians 1:4-5.

God's preparatory work in our lives -

1. will always be in accordance with His nature and attributes. V1-3, 2 Timothy 2:13

2. can be difficult to see how it is connected to His providential plan. V6, Acts 19

3. will always point towards Christ and the gospel. v 1,7,8, 1 Corinthians 2:2