

## Joseph's Legacy: Living Under the Providence of God

Sunday, September 6/ 20 --- Genesis 50:15 – 21; Acts 17:22 - 27

*But Joseph said to them, 'Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?' As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones. Thus, he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. – Genesis 50 19 – 21*

*We stand on the sidelines of Genesis and watch God at work in the world. Moses' audience gain a perspective on their years of slavery, on their rebellion in the desert, and on the intimidating Canaanites. Evil cannot triumph. Blessing will prevail. Obstacles will melt away. God's revelation of His mastery over creation is the message of Genesis. – John H. Walton*

### Introduction:

Last week Pastor Doug defined a blessing as anything that helps us get closer to God. Let's pursue that understanding and say three things about how the blessing of God lands on us, and how that blessing is connected to the Providence of God.

1. The Blessing of God comes in knowing who you are and who you're not (50:19)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The Blessing of God comes in knowing who God is and how He works (50:20)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The Blessing of God comes in knowing how-to live-in light of God's Providence (50:21)

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- i. Is the concept of God's providence something you think about very often? Do you wrestle with it, or does it give you peace?
- ii. When you hear the words of Joseph in Genesis 50:20, does it help you understand the providence of God in your own life?
- iii. Have you had a harmful or evil experience that has shown you the goodness of God?
- iv. How has the blessing of God and the providence of God met up in your life?