

What is the benefit of our knowing about God's providence?

I will cry to God Most High, to God who accomplishes *all things* for me (NASB; Ps. 57:2).

Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows (NASB; Matt. 10:29-31).

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (NASB; I Thess. 5:18).

The benefit of our knowing about God's providence is that it makes us *patient in adversity and thankful in prosperity*, so that we may place our firm trust in our Heavenly Father concerning everything that befalls us.

(Adapted from the *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q. 28)

For deeply reassuring teaching on this subject, read prayerfully John Flavel's, *The Mystery of Divine Providence*.

