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Topic: **The Life of Joseph (part 3):The Wonders of God's Providence**

Scripture Text: Genesis 45

1. Providence means to see beforehand. In God's providence, He sees all things, knows all things and does all things for the good of His children according to His all wise decrees. God is indeed very involved with His children in every aspect of their lives.

2. In the life of Joseph with its ups and downs filled with many trials, Joseph understood God's providence and hence remained strong in faith and bear a good testimony in every situation. When Joseph made himself known to his brethren, he did not take revenge against them for selling him to Egypt. There was neither bitterness nor resentment in him. He saw God's providence to bring him to Egypt to save lives in the 7 years of famine.

3. God's providence still will work in spite of man's sins and failures. While God allows evil in this world and uses them in His providential plan, He is never the author of sin.

4. Joseph knew God's providence and said that God meant it for good despite him being sold to Egypt by his own brothers and falsely accused by Potipher's wife to be sent to jail.

Romans 8:28 reminds us that all things work together for good to them that love God.

5. Often we can only see a portion of God's grand and majestic plan. Joseph only can see the plan of God to save his father and brothers' family. He knew God will preserve His own people. God already told Abraham long ago His people will be in Egypt for 430 years. Then God will deliver them. The nation Israel will be formed and Messiah will come from Israel. Nothing will foil God's plan. This is the wonders of God's providence.