

Sermon Title: "The Providence of God"

Date: November 13, 2022 - Acts 10:1-23

Central Idea: Salvation is a divine work of grace, but God works through human channels. Are you a channel that God can use?

Introduction: God in His providence directs history and creation toward an ultimate goal as He directs human actions and human history. Chapter 10 is pivotal in the Book of Acts, for it records the salvation of the Gentiles. Let us trace the steps whereby, in the providence of God, this important matter was decided.

I. Preparation of the Gentile vv. 1-8

- 1. The Place v. 1**
- 2. The Man vv. 1-2**
- 3. The Vision vv. 3-6**
- 4. The Response vv. 7-8**

II. Preparation of the Jew vv. 9-16

- 1. The Man vv. 9-10**
- 2. The Vision vv. 11-12**
- 3. The Command vv. 13-14**
- 4. The Lesson vv. 15-16**

III. Providence of God vv. 17-23

- 1. The Messengers vv. 17-20**
- 2. The Message vv. 21-22**
- 3. The Mission v. 23**

Conclusion: After leading up to this moment in Luke's history of the church, he drops the bombshell—the gospel will go to the Gentiles! Why? Because God shows no favoritism. The message of the New Covenant is that whosoever will may come. God has prepared people of whom we've never heard for the gospel.