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WHY THINK ABOUT THE PROVIDENCE?

Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! [Ps. 66:5]

Why should we meditate on God's providence? Because *God has expressly commanded it*. He has called his people to seriously reflect upon His works, whether of mercy or of judgment. We are called to meditate on God's providence so that we may strengthen our faith.

How sweet it would make our lives: how light it would make our burdens! Search backward into all the acts of providence throughout your life. There is no more pleasant a history for you to read in all the world as the history of your own life. Sit down and record from the beginning what God has been to you. What outstanding displays of His mercy, faithfulness, and love have taken place throughout your days?

If a single act of providence is so ravishing and thrilling, what would many of them be if they were considered together? If one star is beautiful to behold, what is a constellation? If your heart does not melt before you have recited half that history, it is a hard heart indeed.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.

[Ps. 13:6]



New Musical Terms:

ALLREGRETTO—When you're 16 measures into the piece and realize you took too fast a tempo.

AGNUS DEI—To play with a divinely beefy tone.

A PATELLA—Accompanied by knee slapping

APPOLOGGIATURA—A composition you regret playing.

APPROXIMATURA—A series of notes not intended by the composer, yet played with an "I meant to do that" attitude.

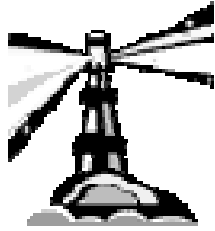
APPROXIMENTO—A musical entrance somewhere in the vicinity of the correct pitch.

HOPE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

PRAYER LIST



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NOTES FROM TAMMY



Thanks, everyone, for another great Sunday! "God Is My Rock" went so well, a powerful reminder of the source of our strength.

What kind of house are you building, and more importantly, on what kind of foundation do you build?

Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

[Ps. 30:4]

UPCOMING MUSIC



March 9, 2011

• **Ash Wednesday**
"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

Please be here in the choir room by 6:30 pm. We will wear robes. The service is at 7:00pm.

Mar. 13, 2011

8:30 Service

- Adult Bells

11:00 Service

- Chancel Choir
- Cherubs

Mar. 20, 2011

8:30 Service

- Bits and Pieces

11:00 Service

- Chancel Choir
- B-Sharps

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tones, but in
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-Oliver Wendell
Homes