

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own under-
standing; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Psalm 139:13-16 “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.”

Quote: “When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day. This my song through endless ages, “Jesus led me all the way.” Fannie Crosby.

Fannie Crosby was blinded by an incompetent doctor when she was but six weeks old. In reflecting back on her life in general and her blindness in particular, she said, “It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me.” “‘Blindness,’ she wrote in later life, ‘can not keep the sunlight of hope from the trusting soul. One of the easiest resolves that I formed in my young and joyous heart was to leave all care to yesterday and to believe that the morning would bring forth its own peculiar joy.’”

One of the greatest sources of peace and joy for all of those who are entrusting the welfare of their eternal soul to the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ is that God has composed His Story of which they are an intentional and strategic part. All lives matter! His providence is deployed in every area of every life.

The Lord's providence includes the day of our birth and the day and means of our death.¹

The Lord's providence includes our pathway, protection and provision.²

The Lord's providence includes the personal distinctives that set us apart from others.³

The Lord's providence includes the trials that He sends our way that can be tests to strengthen us as we prevail through His enabling, or temptations that weaken us as we yield to our flesh.⁴

The Lord's providence includes the tasks that He ordains for us.⁵

The Lord's providence includes our salvation and our sanctification.⁶

Isaiah 26:3-4 “You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.” Come what may in the turbulent, vile times in which we live, we can rest assured that it is all a part of His great work. The last verse of William Cooper's wonderful hymn, “*God Moves in a Mysterious Way,*” reminds us that “God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.”

God's providence in the lives of His people

“**If We Could See Beyond Today as God Can See**” by Norman Clayton likewise

reminds believers of our utter dependency upon Him at all times and for all things. We do not see as He does!

If we could see beyond today As God can see, If all the clouds should roll away, The shadows flee; O'er present griefs we would not fret Each sorrow we would soon forget, For many joys are waiting yet, For you and me.

If we could know beyond today As God doth know, Why dearest treasures pass away, And tears must flow; And why the darkness leads to light Why dreary days will soon grow bright, Some day life's wrong will be made right, Faith tells us so.

If we could see, if we could know, We often say. But God in love a veil doth throw Across our way. We cannot see what lies before, And so we cling to Him the more He leads us till this life is o'er, Trust and obey.

¹ Job 14:5; Ps.139:13-16; John 21:18-22; Matt.1:20-23; Gal.4:4-5; Mark 10:32-34 ² Pathway: Ps.37:23-25; Prov.16:9; Acts 9:15-16; John 9; Protection: Job 1:8-12; Ps. 34:7-9; Provision: Ps.27:3-5; Phil.4:19; Matt.6:31-34; II Cor.9:8 ³ Appearance, abilities, aptitudes: Ex.4:10-11; Daniel 1:17; Ps.139:13-19; I Sam.16:17-19; I Cor.12:11 ⁴ Acts 9:16 with II Cor.11:25-32; Ps.94:17-19; Ps.105:16-22; I Peter 1:6-7; Phil.1:29 ⁵ Jer.1:4-7; Gal.1:13-16 ⁶ Eph.1 and 2; Rom.8:28-39; Jn.9; Jn.10; Jn.17:17