

**SERMON REFLECTIONS
ON GOD'S WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO SAVE US**

Matt 4:15-26 compared with 2 Chron 16:9 in Matthew Henry's words

God governs the world in infinite wisdom, and creatures, and all their actions, are continually under his eye. The eye of Providence is quick-sighted—it *runs*; it is intent - it runs *to and fro*; it reaches far – *through the whole earth*, no corner of which is out of its reach, though the most dark or distant; and His eye directs His hand, and the arm of His power; for He shows Himself strong.

Does Satan walk to and fro in the earth? Providence *runs* to and fro, is never absent, never hides and must be sought, and is never at a loss.

God governs the world for the good of His people, and does all in pursuit of the counsels of His love concerning their salvation.

Those whose hearts (by grace) are upright with Him may be sure of His protection and have all the reason in the world to depend upon it. He is able to protect them in the way of their duty, and He actually intends their protection. A practical disbelief of this is at the bottom of all our departures from God and double-dealing with Him.

**LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP
March 29, 2026**



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

Salutation

Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

The Man Who Once Has Found Abode
90 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1, 4, 6, 7)
(to tune Woodworth, # 501)

1 The man who once has found abode, within the secret place of God
shall with Almighty God abide, and in his shadow safely hide.

4 His outspread pinions shall thee hide, beneath his wings shalt thou confide.
His faithfulness shall ever be a shield and buckler unto thee.

6 Because his angels he commands to bear thee safely in their hands,
to guard thy ways, lest left alone, thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 "Because he set his love on Me, from danger I will set him free.
Because to him My name is known, On high I'll set him as Mine own."

*** Invocation**

God's Law & Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 143 (p 620 pew Bible)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Matthew 6:5-13 (p 964 pew Bible)

Hebrews 9:1-5 (p 1192 pew Bible)

Sermon

Our Daily Bread and Daily Debts All Stored Up in Ark

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn**

He Leadeth Me
600 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-3)

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful foll'wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain] **

*** Benediction**

*Please stand if able

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GOD GUIDES HIS PEOPLE FROM HIS THRONE OF PROVISIONS

C. Spurgeon on Exodus 16:21

Labor to maintain a sense of thine entire dependence upon the Lord's good will and pleasure for the continuance of thy richest enjoyments.

Never try to live on the old manna, nor seek to find help in Egypt. All must come from Jesus, or thou art undone forever. Old anointings will not suffice to impart unction to thy spirit; thine head must have fresh oil poured upon it from the golden horn of the sanctuary, or it will cease from its glory.

To-day you may be upon the summit of the mount of God, but he who has put thee there must keep thee there, or thou wilt sink far more speedily than thou dreamest. Thy mountain only stands firm when he settles it in its place; if he hide his face, thou wilt soon be troubled.

If the Saviour should see fit, there is not a window through which thou seest the light of heaven which he could not darken in an instant. Joshua bade the sun stand still, but Jesus can shroud it in total darkness.

He can withdraw the joy of thine heart, the light of thine eyes, and the strength of thy life; in his hand thy comforts lie, and at his will they can depart from thee. This hourly dependence our Lord is determined that we shall feel and recognize, for he only permits us to pray for "daily bread," and only promises that "as our days our strength shall be."

LESSON? In approaching the Lord in daily dependence and prayer, remember you are approaching God's throne, the footstool of which was packed with reminders of His daily provisions in Exodus 16:33 and Hebrews 9:3-5; incense and blood; manna in a golden bowl; Aaron's rod and the Book of the Covenant.

For us, we must eat as our spiritual food the daily grace of forgiveness (the 5th petition) right alongside God's daily provision of bread.

Forgiving grace is to feed our souls as much as bread our stomachs.

