



Life In Christ – God’s Providence

Isaiah 45:7

Introduction:

- This past week gave us reflection – The eclipse allowed the world to pay attention.
- Some to explore the science of Astronomy.
- Some were looking for some cosmic, supernatural occurrence.
- Some were looking for a biblical miracle.
- Spurgeon – There are sermons from the rocks, the stars, and if there is a sermon in the eclipse, we can certainly take great comfort in knowing that God created the light and the dark.

1. ECLIPSES ARE A PART OF GOD'S PLAN.

- The sun, moon, and stars were created by God, and their path and trajectory were created and set in motion by God.
- The “Big Dipper” will always have its shape and location.
- **Psalm 19:1-2**
- God’s providential “eclipses” in our lives have been set in motion before time began.
- **Matthew 5:45**
- **Psalm 107:1-32**

Spurgeon - Today my spirit sees no heaven, it has no hopes, but many fears; no joys, but much distress;" and you are apt to say, dear friends, "Is this a part of God's plan with me? Can this be the way in which God would bring me to heaven?" Yes, it is even so. The eclipse of your faith, the darkness of your minds, the fainting of your hopes, all these things are but the parts of God's plan for making you ripe for the great inheritance into which you shall soon enter. These trials are but waves that wash you on to the rocks; they are but winds that waft your ship the more swiftly towards the desired haven. As David says in the psalm, so might I say to you, "So he bringeth them to their desired haven."

2. EVERYTHING THAT GOD DOES HAS A DESIGN.

- When God creates light he has a reason for it, and when he creates darkness he has a reason for it too.
- God has some design in all these things.

Application: _____
