

Ministry Amidst Delay

Acts 28:1-10

God's Providence on Display



Providence in Protection

28:1 When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that the island was called Malta.

Acts 28:1 (NASB)



Providence in Protection

2 The natives showed us extraordinary kindness, for they kindled a fire and took us all in because of the rain that had started and because of the cold.

Acts 28:2 (NASB)



Providence in Protection

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. **4** When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they began saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live."

Acts 28:3-4 (NASB)



Providence in Protection

5 However, Paul shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 Now they were expecting that he was going to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

Acts 28:5-6 (NASB)



Providence in Compassion

7 Now in the neighboring parts of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us warmly for three days.

Acts 28:7 (NASB)



Providence in Compassion

8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with a recurring fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him, and after he prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him. **9** After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and being cured.

Acts 28:8-9 (NASB)



Providence in Provision

10 They also showed us many honors, and when we were about to set sail, they supplied us with everything we needed.

Acts 28:10 (NASB)



Summary Outline:

Protection, Compassion, Provision

From the storm to the shore >

From the viper to the village >

From the sickbed to the ship >

God's providence is at work!



God's Controls Circumstances
12 Now I want you to know,
brothers and sisters, that my
circumstances have turned
out for the greater progress
of the gospel,

Philippians 1:12 (NASB)

