



Christ's Perfect Provision

When Facing the Power of the Enemy

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1. Understand _____ (vv.39-42)

Luke 9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. **38** And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. **39** And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. **40** And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." **41** Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." **42** While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. **43** And all were astonished at the majesty of God. ... (ESV)

2. Realize _____ (vv.37-39)

3. Guard _____ (vv.40-43a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Matthew 13:20-21**. What are some of the kinds of "tribulations" and "persecutions" which inevitably pull at those who have "received the word" in attempts to have them "fall away"?
2. Read **1 Peter 5:8-9**. How does this text and the direct identification of God's spiritual enemy and ours affect your thinking? What is the advantage of being "sober-minded" and "watchful" as opposed to ignorant and clueless regarding what lies behind some of our "suffering" (v.9)?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**. Based on this passage what practical counsel would you give Christians for whom God has chosen not to relieve their suffering?
4. Read **Luke 9:38**. In what way is the serious or chronic pain of someone we love an even more difficult challenge to our faith than when it is us that is suffering? How might we spiritually prepare and guard ourselves for times like these?
5. Read **Revelation 2:8-11**. Why are the resurrection of Christ and the coming kingdom so important to our endurance and strength?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

January 11th

Gen.27-28 & Mt.9:18-38

January 12th

Gen.29-30 & Mt.10:1-23

January 13th

Gen.31-32 & Mt.10:24-42

January 14th

Gen.33-35 & Mt.11

January 15th

Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21

January 16th

Gen.38-40 & Mt.12:22-50

January 17th

Gen.41 & Mt.13:1-32

January 18th

Gen.42-43 & Mt.13:33-58

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-28 – **Confident in His Power to Protect**
Msg. 13-29 – **Confident in His Power to Restore**
Msg. 14-08 – **Anticipating the Defeat of Disease**
Msg. 14-09 – **Awaiting the Defeat of Death**
Msg. 11-63 – **The Reality and Nature of Demons**
Msg. 11-64 – **The Present Work of Demons**
Msg. 11-66 – **God's People & the Defeat of Demons**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Boice, James Montgomery. **The Christ of the Empty Tomb**. P & R Publishing, 2010.
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Lewis, C. S. **A Grief Observed**. HarperOne, 2001.
Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death**. Moody, 2004.
Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.
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Robinson, Haddon. **Grief: Comfort for Those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help**. Discovery House, 2009.
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Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Moody Press, 1995.
Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.