

# The Gracious Providence of God at Work

John 18:39 – 19:16



# Genesis 6:5-6

- Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.



# Genesis 6:7

- So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."



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# Isaiah 9:6-7

- For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be no end*, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice **From that time forward, even forever**. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



# Micah 5:2

- " But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, **Whose** goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting."



# Isaiah 49:7

- Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, **Princes also shall worship**, Because of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You."





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- Goes to Jesus asking for a reason to release Him
- Sought other ways to release Jesus



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- Men, without God, will ultimately fail to do what is right (John 19:12b-16)



# Jeremiah 17:5, 7

- Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD.
- "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.



# Psalm 2:10-12

- Now therefore, be wise, **O kings**; Be instructed, **you judges of the earth**. Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son**, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him**.



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