

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

31.01.16

Theme: Divine Foresight for Man

Memory verse: *Philippians chapter four verse nineteen: But my God shall Supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus*

Text: Genesis 2:8-15

In wisdom, God first created the earth and all that would be necessary for man's comfort before creating him. The exercise of Devine foresight and fore-thought provided man a number of things: a garden for home, the tree of life, dominion over the animals and a wife. God planted the garden and put man there. Eden's description shows that it was a place of absolute security, abundant supply and source. It was a well watered garden of delight which formed the source of four great rivers Pisin, Gihon, Hiddekel (Tigris) and Euphrates. The mention of water and rivers at this point becomes significant when one remembers that the ground was being watered by mist because there was no ram yet (Gen.2:6). But God provided rivers of water for Adam to teach us how God will abundantly supply our needs even if there is scarcity all around.

Man was placed in the Garden of Eden to dress and keep it. God would have man to learn very early that responsibilities come along with privileges. God's gift and grace are to enable us carry out specific duties in His Kingdom. We are not expected to be idle or lazy. God also provided the tree of life to make him live forever.

But sin spoiled this privilege. Man was commanded to freely eat of every tree in the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Here, we should observe that God's prohibitions are fewer than his provisions. But the devil will have us think that prohibitions are too many; as if God is a prohibitionist who delights to spoil our enjoyment or freedom. Be careful because the devil is a liar.