



Divine Providence Storytelling

People who trust in the Lord are constantly receiving good from Him. They realize that whatever happens, whether it seems to be advantageous or not, is good in that it serves as a means contributing to their eternal happiness (see *Arcana Coelestia* 8480).

Discuss this teaching with friends or family, sharing examples from personal experience or draw on movies and books to illustrate this idea. Remember that it is granted that a person can see the operation of the Lord's Providence in the past but not the present (see *Divine Providence* 187).

The Lord's providence has in view what is eternal (*Arcana Coelestia* 7007:4).

The operation of the Divine Providence for the salvation of a person begins at his birth and continues right on to the end of his life, and afterwards to eternity (*Divine Providence* 332).

[The Lord] leads a person as silently as an imperceptible stream or favoring current bears a vessel along (*Divine Providence* 186).

It is granted that a person can see the Divine Providence in the back and not in the face; and this in a spiritual state and not in a natural state (*Divine Providence* 187).

Those who trust in the Lord are constantly receiving good from Him; for whatever happens to them, whether it seems to be advantageous or not advantageous, is nevertheless good, for it serves as a means contributing to their eternal happiness (*Arcana Coelestia* 8480).