

SERMON OUTLINE

DIVINE COINCIDENCES

I SAMUEL 9:1-27

APRIL 30TH, 2023

- I. **Saul's Background: vs. 1-2**

- II. **Saul's Search for Lost Donkeys: vs. 3-14**

"Think of the chain of ordinary events which brought Saul to the little city, - the wandering of a drove of donkeys, the failure to get on their tracks, the accident of being in the land of Zuph when he got tired of the search, the suggestion of the servant; and behind all of these, and working through them, the will and hand of God, thrusting this man, all unconscious, along the path which he knew not." – Alexander Maclaren

- III. **God's Activity Behind the Scenes: vs. 15-17**

Proverbs 16:9

Acts 17:26-27

- IV. **Saul's Meeting with Samuel: vs. 18-27**

Ephesians 5:25-27

- V. **Application: Three Reflections on God's Providence**

- 1) Meditate and explore God's providence toward you

- 2) Connect God's providence with His character

- 3) Respond to God's providence in an appropriate way

"If God is in control, if his name is hallowed, then that means he is in control of my depression. Fate is blind; providence has eyes. God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart." – Charles Spurgeon

BENEDICTION: ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. – Romans 11:33-36