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Rationales embedded in the promise
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Conclusions

Is 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

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בּקְיִ'(yĕhāb) lot, gift, what has been given to you.

1. God's Providence is a function of his Sovereignty. Sovereignty emphasizes God's rule or governance of the course of history.

2. Providence emphasizes God's control of the course of history including both the good and the evil.

3. Providence means that our lives and the events in our lives are not determined by chance, fate, or luck, but by a personal God who is working all things according to His plan.

4. Providence therefore is related to the character of God.

**Sovereignty of God**: God has determined that mankind will be allotted a certain domain of freedom in human history.

Omniscience of God: God knows all the knowable, therefore God knows all the potential as well as all the actual.

The Integrity of God: God's Love, +R, and Justice work together in perfect harmony toward the human race.

1 Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

5. The doctrine of God's Providence means that we can relax in the midst of our adversity knowing that God is in control, He has not been taken by surprise, and He has provided for this situation through Bible doctrine.

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(kûl) contain, hold, abide, bear, nourish, provide but in the *pilpal* it means to sustain or to cause to endure.

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ἐπιρίπτω, epiripto, same word used in the LXX to translate shelach, to cast or throw. Aor act participle, anarthrous; adverbial participle of means. "Casting our cares" is the manner or means for making ourselves humble.

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Μέριμνα *Merimna*, the noun form, μεριμνάω, *mermnao*, the verb form. Worries or anxieties, overly concerned for the details of life.

Mt 13:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Lk 10:41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

Lk 21:34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.