Matthew 1 • The Working of Providence & Promise

1. (v.1-17) The primary purpose and theme of Matthew’s Gospel is to prove Jesus is the Messiah, the King of the Jews.
   a. This genealogy is a very powerful testimony to Jews.
   b. This genealogy is a very powerful testimony to God’s providence to fulfill His promises.
   c. This genealogy has practical application for every believer.
   d. This genealogy belongs to the only Jew alive today who can claim lineage to the throne of David.
[References: Rev. 22:16; Rom. 1:1-4; 2 Ki. 11; Tamar: Gen. 38; Rahab: Josh. 2 & Heb. 11:31; Ruth (Ruth); Is. 41:4; Is. 46:10; Is. 55:11]

2. (v.18-19) Joseph was a biblically righteous man who sought to retain the spirit of love while upholding the Law.

3. (v.20-23) Herein is expressed the working of God to fulfill His promises which work in concert with His providence; they are not mutually exclusive.

4. (v.24-25) True followers do not stand idly by depending only on God’s intervention whether through providence or promise – they are willing and obedient participants in His will.

**Overall Application:** Some things are brought about according to His providential intervention, some things according to the unconditional promises He has made, but in all things requires our obedient participation according to the greater working of His Word.