

# Readings from the Word of God

## Sunday, 17 May 2020

### **Numbers 26:52-56**

Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying: "To these the land shall be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names. To a large tribe you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them. But the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. According to the lot their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller."

### **Matthew 10:29-31**

Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

### ***Secrets of Heaven §6482***

I have spoken to spirits about the Lord's exercise of government in an overall manner, saying that what is overall can never exist without specific aspects, and that but for these the overall is nothing; for the reason why the expression 'overall' is used is that this is what the specific aspects considered all together are called, just as particular parts taken all together are referred to as the general whole. To speak therefore of Providence acting in an overall manner but not in specific ways amounts to saying nothing at all. If anyone takes Providence acting in an overall manner to mean the general preservation of the whole natural world in line with the order stamped on it when it was first created, he does not take into account the consideration that nothing can remain in being unless it is constantly being brought into being; for as is well known in the learned world, remaining in being is a constant coming into being, and preservation is accordingly constant creation. Consequently Providence is present all the time in specific situations.

### ***Divine Providence §187***

It is granted a person to see Divine providence from behind and not from in front, and in a spiritual state and not in the person's natural state. To see Divine providence from behind and not from in front is to see it afterward and not beforehand. And to see it from the perspective of a spiritual state and not from that of a natural state is to see it from the perspective of heaven and not from the perspective of the world.

People who receive influx from heaven and acknowledge Divine providence, and especially those who by reformation have become spiritual, when they see events unfold in some marvellous sequence, all from an interior acknowledgment see, as it were, that providence and confess it. Such people do not wish to see it from in front, that is, before it operates, for fear that their will might enter into something of its order and course.

**Psalm 107:8-9**

Oh, that men would give thanks to Jehovah for His goodness,  
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!  
For He satisfies the longing soul,  
And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

**Psalm 136:1**

Oh, give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.

**Psalm 145:6-9**

Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,  
And I will declare Your greatness.  
They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,  
And shall sing of Your righteousness.  
Jehovah is gracious and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger and great in mercy.  
Jehovah is good to all,  
And His tender mercies are over all His works.