b. deliverance: Acts 7:25

c. assistance; Acts 11:21; 13:1 ff

d. creatorship: Hebrews 1:10

And these are just short (and not always perfectly accurate of vivid Biblical pictures).

## B. The Prospects:

1. His hand is governed, to some extent, by --belief

## --obedience

--providential design

- 2.. But we will never be forsaken, forgotten, etc.
- 3. We cannot presume, however, on grace that is automatic and compulsive but we can depend on God for strength, power, direction and oversight.
- 3. In the Old Testament, the books of Ezra and Nehemiah are great texts on this issue.

## C. The Practical Meaning:

- 1. We do not fear the future nor the present.
- 2. We happily resign ourselves to the Lord's will.
- 3. We commit to an active stewardship, trusting God.
- 4. We are led of His Spirit and governed by His Word.

## D. Conclusion