*"The kings of the earth set themselves, and **The Rulers Take Counsel Together, Against The LORD**, and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.' He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He Speak unto them in His Wrath, and vex them in His Sore Displeasure." Psalm 2:2-5 KJV*

Truth ignored, denied, derided, or set aside, is opposition to God. *"He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad."* It makes no difference whether king, pauper, child, or adult *"for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."* No twist of mind, however well disguised, is hidden from God. He will parade every puny plan and scheme out in the open for all to plainly see and will laugh at them in derision. *"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out My Hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all My Counsel, and would none of My Reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh. Thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision."* All men will know that God is omnipotent and the *"kings of the earth"* are but a bit of putty in the hands of the Almighty. *"The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."* Those in power pride themselves by looking down at the men under their control; forgetting to look up to Who controls all. Believers are often caught in the same trap of pride when they forge ahead in life with their own plans without the slightest acknowledgement of God. *"Go to now, ye that say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:' Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, 'If the Lord Will, we shall live, and do this, or that.' But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil."* When you make plans without God you have sinned. God sent Elijah to a wilderness brook and sent ravens with food every day. When the ravens stopped and the brook dried, Elijah didn't fret. He moved on, confident in God and, of all people, found a widow with one morsel left. He told her to trust God and make him a meal. In this impossible circumstance God got all the Glory, because man's resources were gone. But… Her *"barrel of meal [did] not waste, neither [did] the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD [sent] rain upon the earth."* God's Commands are His Blessings which if obeyed, bring His Blessed Provision. *"Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and ALL these things shall be added unto you."* God sends drought into our lives that His Supply may be Glorified.

Proving God against all threat,
Will nurture trust and proof beget,
You'll know for sure upon earth's crust,
Your only need, obey and trust. –CGP

When I became disabled, many said help would be long and slow in coming. I had nowhere to turn but God. It not only came soon, but abundantly as well. In the first four months, my bills were paid by anonymous friends that, I'm sure, had little themselves, Social Security disability was approved immediately, and I lacked for naught. That was many years ago and God is still providing! I trust chairs for sitting, because I've proved them. I trust God, because I've proved Him. I tithed when I had nothing and gave offerings when it hurt to do so, and God gave me back more than I gave Him. We don't trust God, because we fear to prove Him. We withhold His due and still expect Him to provide! Without trust, there's never proof. Give Him your best and He'll give you His!

> *"Bring ye all the Tithes into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, and prove Me now herewith,' saith the LORD of hosts, 'if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10 KJV*