

God's Wonderful Provision

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In the book of Matthew, Jesus instructed the disciples how to pray, reciting “Give us today our daily bread.” That is asking God to provide for our needs each day. Most of us spend our lives trying to provide for ourselves and/or our loved ones. According to the world, to be of value, one must amass wealth and material possessions. It tells us to be self reliant, self defined and in control of our lives. That, my friend, is a deception. How eager we are to lean on man’s understanding of provision - his knowledge and resources. Self reliance is the opposite of what God wants for our lives. He wants us to rely on Him for our needs, wants and desires whether big or small and he will provide according to his perfect will. God Almighty is the great “I AM.” He can more than supply for our needs.

If you allow him, you can experience God as your provider. The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV), “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” If the God of the universe has plans for us, who are we to interfere?

Jesus tells us not to worry about our lives. He said, “See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field that is here today and thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you? God knows what you need.” (Mathew 6:28-31/NIV) In fact, He knows your needs before they occur. Seek first His kingdom and righteousness and God will take care of the rest. He provided for the plants and animals, why would He not provide for us?



Put your trust the Lord. Worrying has never offered a resolution. Trust eliminates worry and allows God to work on your behalf, supplying and controlling circumstances. Matthew 26 (NIV) says, “Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Yes, we are.

I remember one morning I was putting together a never-ending list of things to do around the house. On my list were things that I wanted to purchase – a bench for the backyard, a new bike for my son, a dresser for my husband, and a desk. In each case, we desired, but didn’t need the items. However, God provided for those desires within a few weeks. Free! I was driving through the neighborhood and someone placed a barely used antique dresser out for pickup. Although it was antique and I wanted it, I did not take it. The same happened with the other items on my list. Sadly, in each case, I didn’t take any of them. I saw them, looked them over, but left without them. In fact, I made excuses to leave them. The bike needed a new back tire, the bench needed new paint and a couple pieces of wood replaced, the dresser was too big to fit into the car. It wasn’t until the Holy Spirit gave me the revelation of God’s provision did I realize that God had indeed provided for my desires. I only had to receive it. You see, He cares about the small things as well as the big things.

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Although I had read in the Bible that God is the provider of all of our needs, it wasn't until He revealed himself to me as my provider did it resonate in my heart. We often limit ourselves and God's work in our lives by lack of trust, lack of faith and other reasons. Sometimes our eyes are blinded to His work around us. That's why it is so important for us to fervently pursue a relationship with our Lord. He wants us to know Him.

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt they grumbled about the food they left in Egypt. The Lord heard their grumbling and provided quail in the evening and manna in the morning. When they complained about water, he commanded Moses to strike the rock at Horeb and water came out. How awesome is that?

Deuteronomy 29:5 (NIV) reads, "During the 40 years I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet." God took care of the Israelites. Can you imagine wandering in a desert for 40 years without your clothes and shoes wearing out? They were given manna, which the Bible says is the food of angels. Surely, He wanted the Israelites to know Him as their provider. He wanted them to know that they could trust him to take care of them.

In my case, I knew about the many names of God. Of course, I am well acquainted with the Bible. I really didn't know that part of God's character until I had experienced it. He wanted to reveal Himself and take me to a new level of understanding of his character. Allow him to reveal His character to you. Pray for provision and recite His words in prayer. Didn't Jesus say that you have not because you ask not? Ask and you will receive according God's will. Trust Him with your needs and circumstances. He is faithful. Receive his provision with gratitude.

My prayer for you today is that God will open the eyes of your heart to understand His perfect provision for your life. I pray that He will give you unwavering trust in his word. I pray that He will increase your faith and give you the courage to reach. All to the Glory of His Holy name. - *Sonya Cherici*