

From Pastor's Desk...

Assurance in God's Promise of Provision

The Philippian church was the only church that extended financial support to Paul's ministry. He expresses the joyful relationship which existed between the church and himself in connection with practical assistance. *Philippians 4:19* shouldn't be seen out of context but is to be interpreted and applied meaningfully in our life. When a church is consistent in Christian stewardship the assurance is promised that God would supply all their needs.

"My God"- The expression is very emphatic. The vertical relationship is very foundational in church affairs which is evidenced horizontally. Paul had accepted the offerings from them in the past, not to himself but to God whose minister he was.

"All your needs"- Every need of yours, spiritual and temporal. God is concerned with every part of our being, spirit, soul, and body. God's promise for us is beyond anything we can ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20). God provides a way for us to develop an intimate relationship with Him. There is a big difference between 'wants' and 'needs'. "Want" is related with greed and selfishness and "need" is something essential and indispensable.

"According to His riches in glory"- His abundant fullness. The method of imparting supplies to people was through Jesus Christ or was done in a glorious manner. Whatever God does is done in a way worthy of Himself, and so as to illustrate His own perfections. If a millionaire gives hundred dollars to charity is out of his riches but if he gives a hundred thousand dollars, it would be according to his riches.

Hudson Taylor, the missionary to China had complete trust in God's faithfulness. He wrote in his journal, "Our heavenly Father is a very experienced one. He knows very well that His children wake up with a good appetite every morning. He sustained 3 million Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years. If God send 3 million missionaries to China, He would have ample means to sustain them all... Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply".

Let us not allow frustrations to prevail over the Church, instead, trust in in his assurance of wonderful provisions. Never dream of just survival in the context of challenges and needs but look forward to overcome and thrive in His abundant provision.

God bless you.

In His Glorious Ministry,

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God Abundantly Supplies All Your Needs

(Regi Varghese, Secretary)

In the Bible, there is an account of a couple who had a big need on their wedding day. They had run out of wine. Now, you would expect wedding couples to know how many guests to expect on their big day and to plan accordingly. But perhaps this couple did not have the money to buy enough wine. Whatever the reason was, Jesus saved them from embarrassment and shame. He saved the day when He supplied their need by miraculously turning six pots of water into top-quality wine. (John 2:1-10) Our Lord Jesus abundantly supplied the need of that couple.

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

According to this verse, you are rich. You are not trying to be rich. It does not matter how much you are earning or how much you have in your bank account. You are rich because as your need arises, God's supply will be there for you.

Beloved, whatever needs you have, God wants you to know that His supply will be there for you. You have His Word for it. He promises that He will supply all your needs, not just some. And He will supply all your needs according to and not out of His riches. This means that He lines up from A to Z all of His resources for your every need!

My friend, rejoice that you are rich "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus". This is far greater and more dependable than the temporal riches that you might have from any earthly source!

Thought for the Day: God lines up all of His resources for your every need!

The Unlimited Supply!

(Varghese Mathew, Tenant Relations Manager)

One of many promises in the Bible that has strengthened and sustained God's children for ages is *Philippians 4:19*. In this verse, the apostle Paul was not introducing a new promise, but, the provision of God for His children that had its roots deep in the Old Testament. In fact, it goes back to the very beginning of human history, when God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve had all they needed.

The sovereign Lord is the great Provider. He is not only a provider for our physical needs, but also the one who can supply for all our needs when we put our trust in Him. When Israel needed a leader, He raised Moses. When they needed water, He supplied from the rock and when they needed food in the desert, He supplied Manna. Moses, while leading the people of Israel from Egypt, knew that the only true source of supply whom he can trust was God Himself.

As a child of God, when you come across situations or times, which may seem like there is no hope or place to hide in the human eyes, hold on to God's promises that are for you and me to supply all our needs according to His riches.

Let us put our trust in the unchanging, unfailing, ever powerful God and be assured that He who gave His own beloved Son to redeem us from sin and make us His children, will not refuse to meet any of our needs.