

**“PROMISES, PROMISES...
SUPERNATURAL PROVISION”**

PHILIPPIANS 4.14-20

The Promise of God’s Provision (v.18-19)

Some Terms

- * “Promise” - Middle English fr Latin promittere = "to send forth" - Ps 107.20 / Jn 5.24; 6.29
- * “Provide” - Middle English fr Latin - video = "to see" + pro = “before” OR “in behalf of”

Some Truths

- * *I have all and abound, I am full, having received...the thing sent* - perisseuo = “be in abundance, overflow, excel”
- * cf v.12, Paul’s state of need brought forth God’s supply as he trusted and contented himself in the Lord - Dt 8.3 / Ps 23.1
- * *my God shall supply all your need* - pleroo = “fill up, make full, complete”... chreia = need, requirement, necessity, lack
- * 2 Co 9.8-9 / Ro 8.32 / Ep 3.20
- * *according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus* - Ps 24.1; 50.10; Hg 2.8; Ez 18.4

The Premise of God’s Provision (v.14-17)

many of God’s promises have conditions: Ro 10.13 / Is 45.22/ 1 Jn 1.9 / Jn 15.7 / 2 Ch 7.14 - it’s your move!

Learn God’s Cycle of Supply

- * *your care for me has flourished again...you shared in my distress...shared with me concerning giving and receiving*
- * giving + receiving are like 2 sides of 1 coin = cycles of nature, “sowing and reaping,” economy of spending & investing, circulation
- * only the blood-sucking leech fails to understand this - Pr 30.15
- * be a consumer + a contributor, we are “blessed to be a blessing” - Ge 12.2

Live in God's Cycle of Supply

* *no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only* - where were the other churches, believers? Lk 17.15-18

* God gives you life, breath, existence - it's up to you what you do with it! Ac 17.28

* if I'm saved by grace through faith, God will at the least meet my basic needs - 1 Tm 6.8 / Mt 6.25 / Ps 37.25-26

* if I want to see more of His fulness, I must meet God on His terms - Lk 6.38 / Pr 11.24 / Mal 3.9-10-7 / Pr 3.9-10

* the tenth belongs to God and is holy, we only "return" it - Mal 3.6 / Lv 27.30

* giving above the tenth is freewill, voluntary, a measure of setting our expectations - "priming the pump"

* God's good blessings come in more ways than money - relationships, children, satisfaction, promotion,

* where and when I most have need are where and when I most need to give - love, forgiveness, work, faith, money, time, exercise - Lk 6.37

* act of receiving need not be passive - I can activate that aspect with gratitude and thanksgiving, giving glory to God!

Ultimate Purpose is in v.20 - to bring glory to God by Christ Jesus - all God provides for us is to show us Jesus and to give us Jesus