

THE SAME: PROVIDER – #7

Heb. 13:8; Matt. 6; Phil 4

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SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE – *I am an overthinker; keep it simple as its intended to be*

SLIDE 2 – HEBREWS 13:8 – JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME...

SLIDE 3 – THE SAME...

- SAME?: Something that is **consistent, dependable, reliable, unfailing, unchanging, faithful, enduring, stable, secure, steadfast, etc...**
- Jesus Christ the Same – what does that mean to us?
 - The answer ALWAYS is “cry out to Jesus” – dependable, faithful, good

SLIDE 4 – GOD IS OUR PROVIDER

- – one who sees, keeps, prepares for, w/forethought, foresight, readiness...
- From the Garden – relationship between God & Adam/Eve – He provides
 - Shelter, food, guidelines – the things necessary to live w/fruitfulness
 - Real/implied relationship between God & us – this is who HE is/WE are
 - With that said – not quid pro quo – nothing we can do ‘for’ Him, nothing that He ‘needs’ from us (physical, mental, ego, etc...)
- Father; Shepherd & flock; *He is our God, we are His people/‘sheep of His hand’*
- God to Abraham – I will GIVE to you, BLESS you, PROVIDE for you → & you will be a blessing to ALL the families of the earth.
 - *Relationship, dependence, trust – family, inheritance, legacy, blessing*

SLIDES 5-10 – MATTHEW 6:25-34

SLIDE 11 – JESUS, IN CONTEXT

- Sermon on the Mount – teaching to His disciples/wanna be followers
- Dealing w/heart issues – “You’ve heard it said... But I say to you...” esp. **Matt 6**
 - Treasures in heaven vs. Earth – eternal vs. perishable
 - Generosity vs. Greed – good eyes/evil eyes
 - God vs. Money (Mammon) as Lord/Master – gotta pick one
- Overwhelming – “HOW are YOU going to provide for self/fam?”

SLIDE 12 – DON’T WORRY – JESUS

- DO NOT WORRY (don’t be anxious) about your LIFE – any & every situation
- Things to (rightfully) be concerned about – life, sustenance (eat/drink), body, what to wear. Life > food, body > clothes;
 - God cares for birds & flowers – He will care for you – what you NEED
 - Worrying – anxiety, doubt, fear, lack, etc...

SLIDE 13 – FIRST THINGS FIRST

- Instead of worrying & chasing all the things (Father knows we need)
- 1st things 1st – **Seek first the KOG & His righteousness** – what does this mean?
 - Do what I know to do, obey what I know to obey, follow etc...
 - Make the main thing, the main thing – everything else will follow

- Don't worry about tomorrow – today has enough trouble of its own
 - Live relying on the “daily bread” & “new mercies, daily” – faithfulness
 - Allow God to be Creator, (His roles), we do us (our roles)

SLIDES 14,15 – PHILIPPIANS 4:6,7

SLIDE 16 – PEOPLE WHO PRAY

- Don't be anxious about **ANYTHING** (real/perceived lack, danger, falling short)
- w/everything (every situation), **PRAY** – take it to God, w/thanksgiving
 - if/then... the PEACE of God, beyond circumstance/understanding, will guard your hearts (center of being, identity,) & minds (thoughts/dwell)
 - prayer → protects us, In Christ Jesus → He's the One

SLIDES 17-19 – PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13,19

SLIDE 20 – THE GOAL: BE CONTENT

- re: provision (it's not the main focus or the main goal)
- Paul's instruction to the Philippians, from his own experiences
 - “I'm not saying this to get something from you – not in need”
 - “I'm saying this because I've learned to be content in all things”
 - In need vs. in plenty → I know how to navigate both of these situations

SLIDE 21 – BE CONTENT IN CHRIST

- “I've learned the ‘secret’ of being content, whatever the circumstances
 - I can do ALL THIS through Christ who gives (provides) what I need
 - Every time – I find, in Christ, contentment – Him vs. stuff
 - Pursuing God's face vs. God's hand – what I WANT vs. NEED

SLIDE 22 – MY GOD WILL PROVIDE ALL YOU NEED

- MY God will supply ALL YOUR needs – according to His riches in glory
- **Psalm 50:10** – God owns the cattle on 1000 hills... (READ THIS)

SLIDE 23 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

SLIDE 24 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27

SLIDE 25 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE