#### God's Provision

Philippians 4:10-23



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But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.



## Philippians 4:10-20

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. 14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction. You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to our account.



#### Philippians 4:10-20

18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Personal Thanks For Aid

- Paul's is a prisoner of Rome
  - Rome gave no stipend nor provision to prisoners
  - Rome did not care for the state of their prisoners
- The generosity of the Philippians met Paul's needs
- Cause for Paul to rejoice!
  - Proving of God's provision to meet a need
  - Pride in the generosity of his spiritual children

### Secret of Thankfulness (11-13)

- Content in all circumstances?
- Thankful for what you do have!
- Everything owned as a gift from God!
- Expectations reigned into being owed divine wrath
- With such an attitude much or little = thanksgiving
- How? I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

#### Generous Hearts

- Praises for their generosity and participation (14)
- Reminder that past generosity is still remembered
- Not seeking more but encouraging generosity (17)
- Gifts sent are not given to Paul but given to God (18)
- "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Context!

## My God Will Supply all your Needs

- In the context of fixing our minds on good things
- In the context of walking in His Peace
- In the context of thankfulness (for little or much)
- In the context of relying on him for strength
- In the context of generous giving to the Kingdom
- Paul encourages that God will supply all needs
- He just lived it out in front of the Philippians!



# Philippians 4:20-23

20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

#### Why Endure All This?

- For the Glory of God our Father
- He is proven Strong in our weakness
- He is proven to be Enough in our need
- He is proven Able when we cannot
- He IS THE PLAN to use your suffering for His Kingdom
- IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU!
- IT'S ABOUT GOD REACHING CAESAR'S HOUSEHOLD!