

# Extravagant Provision

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

James 1:17 (NASB)

<sup>17</sup> Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

1 Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain.

## I. The Basis of God's Provision

Atonement = at one ment;

Colossians 1:21-22 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV)

If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

## II. Learning to Trust

### A. The Day of Atonement

1. reminder of tremendous \_\_\_\_\_

2. participation in God's \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Crucifixion & "the Lamb of God"

Hebrews 10:3-4 (NIV)

But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 9:28 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 6:17-20 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Because God wanted to make **the unchanging nature of his purpose** very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. <sup>18</sup> God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us **may be greatly encouraged**. <sup>19</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

## III. The Persistence of Problems

## A. The Diagnosis --- Sin

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

## B. The Remedy --- the \_\_\_\_\_

Col. 2:13-14 (NIV)

When you were dead in your sins . . . God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

## IV. Faith or Foolishness

1 Cor. 1:23-25 (NIV)

but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles . . . For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

Hebrews 10:14 (NIV)

It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people. By that single offering, he did everything that needed to be done for everyone who takes part in the purifying process. (The Message)

## V. A Picture of the Process

Exodus 15:22-26 (NIV)

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. [23] When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) [24] So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

[25] Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the Lord made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them. [26] He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

A. Marah was in God's plan

B. Most grumbled, one prayed/looked to God

C. God responded with a revelation of Himself

D. A entirely new future was made possible

Prayer:

Almighty God I rejoice today in your extravagant provision for my life. I believe Jesus of Nazareth is your son. I believe He was born of the virgin Mary, that He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. I believe You raised Him from the dead. I choose Jesus as Lord of my life today. Forgive my sin, I forgive those who have sinned against me. I want to live for Jesus glory and honor. I rejoice in the hope of my salvation. Amen.

**KEY:** deliverance; provision; cross

Mighty Source Reading this week:

Num. 18-20  Num. 21-22  Num. 23-25  Num. 26-27  Num. 28-30  Num. 31-33  Num. 34-36

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