

The Most Abundant Life™

Total Security

Genesis 8:22 (NIV)

²² "As long as the earth endures, **seedtime and harvest**, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

John 12:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

I. God's Complete Provision

Nehemiah 9:17-22 (NIV)

¹⁷ They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them . . . ¹⁹ "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. ²⁰ You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. ²¹ **For forty years you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.** ²² "You gave them kingdoms and nations, allotting to them even the remotest frontiers.

II. God's Provision in His Promises

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

³ 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. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

- ❖ God's provision for the Israelites was the "promised land".
- ❖ God's provision for the Church is "the land of His promises".

III. Revelation & Provision

A. A Son's Perspective

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)

¹ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

² but in these last days **he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

B. Knowing the Father

John 14:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

- ❖ God as a Father created the universe in love. In countless ways the universe He created is the expression and outworking of His Fatherly love.

Psalm 104:21 (NIV)

²¹ The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

Psalm 104:25, 27 (NIV)

²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number-- living things both large and small. . . .

²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

C. God is Our Father

Matthew 6:7-13 (NASB77)

⁹ " Pray, then, in this way: "

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

¹⁰ ' Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ ' Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

[For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.]'

1. Acceptance

Ephesians 1:6 (KJV)

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath **made us accepted in the beloved.**

Luke 12:32-33 (NIV)

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys

2. Protection, provision, direction

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

³² 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?

3. Identity/Self-worth

John 19:10-11 (NIV)

¹⁰ "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.

4. Awareness of home in heaven

John 14:2 (NIV)

² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

Ecclesiastes 7:1 (NIV)

¹ A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.

5. Motivation for service

John 8:29 (NIV)

²⁹ The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for welcoming me into your family. I rejoice in the privilege of belonging. I rest in your great provision. Open the eyes of my understanding that I might know the hope of my calling, the magnitude of your great power and the riches of my inheritance. Grant me a spirit of wisdom and revelation that I might know Jesus---in His name I pray, amen.