

God who provides

God provides – What does this mean? Bible is full of God's promises to provide. It begins with His promises to provide for His creation. Jesus reminds us that He provides food for the birds of the air.(LUK12:24) Since the beginning of time, God has placed resources upon the earth sufficient to feed, clothe, and house all the people and animals who have ever lived upon the earth. He will continue to do so until the end of the age when He creates a new heaven and a new earth.

When God introduces himself as Jehovah Jireh, meaning “the Lord will provide. Jireh is pronounced Yireh. Yahwe Is God Almighty, The Living God, The Creator of everything that exist on universe and in heavens. Abraham demonstrates his faith and obedience by building an altar. Isaac asks “Where is the lamb?” With great faith, Abraham responds, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son”(v.1-8) It is the name by Abraham when God provided the ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac to offer his son.“And Abraham called the name of that place 'The Lord provides.' (GEN22:14) Mt.Moriah refers to a hill called Calvary, where God “did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all” God provided lamb a sacrifice to save Isaac, it was a foreshadowing of the provision of His Son for salvation of the world.

Bible gives us a wonderful verse on the Lord's care for us as His children. “*My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*”(PHI4:19) God is our all-powerful, all-compassionate, all-wise and all-loving Heavenly Father. While we often think, if God really loves us, He should provide anything we want, God differentiates between our needs and our desires. In His sovereign omniscience, He knows that where our treasure is our heart is also. Our wants may not line up with our needs, but God provides what we need out of His love for us. God would never give us what He knows would not be for our benefit. Growing into the image of Christ is our most pressing need, God provides all we need to accomplish that goal.(ROM8:28–29) Like good parent, God would never give us what He knows would harm us. God does not want us to see Him as a source of mere material possessions. Acquiring things is not fundamental goal of this life.(LUK12:15) He wants us to know this world is not our home and what we need is to shift our focus to eternal life.

God is concerned with every part of our being: spirit, soul, and body. As the facets of His character are infinite, so ways God provides for us are beyond anything we can ask or imagine. We can trust His goodness, guidance, and shepherding care to do more for us than we could ever achieve on our own. God provides a way for us to develop an intimate, conversational, obedient relationship with Him so that we can lead ourselves and others into a “Psalm 23” quality of life.

Those whose shepherd is the Lord can say, “I lack nothing.” In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches His disciples to ask for provision, and our dependence on God is affirmed each time we pray, “*Give us this day our daily bread*”(MAT 6:11) If He feeds the birds of the air and clothes the lilies of the field, how much more will He provide for His children whom He loves?In Mat.6:24–25, Jesus tells His disciples not to worry about food or clothing. The Father knows our needs. He desires covenant relationship with us, trusting Him to meet our daily necessities, by seeking first His kingdom and righteousness.

Psalms 84:11 states, “No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.” This verse reminder that there is a part we play in God’s provision coming to fruition in our lives. We must walk uprightly. Only those who walk uprightly through the power of the Holy Spirit will be blessed by God’s endless provision of good things, both physical and spiritual. James 4:3 is an answer to our questions about why prayers sometimes go unanswered: “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” God sees the heart, and our prayers’ motivations are important to Him. Many passages about God’s provision relate to our need for food and clothing and the daily, physical needs of life. God’s most important provision is for the needs of our soul and spirit. our inner man. He provides us with joy (ACT14:17) peace (JOH14:27), counsel (PSA16:7), comfort (2CO1:4), “power and strength (PSA68:35), love/self-discipline”(2TI1:7) In fact, He “has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ” (EPH1:3) He promises to generously provide wisdom to all who ask.(JAM1:5)In whatever, we can be content in the Lord.(PHI:12

Providence is the guardianship and care provided by a God, meaning He's taking care of them — providing for them. In other words: “to see before.” “God will see to it.” He sees ahead of you. The God of all creation sees you and sees ahead of you, personally. The pain and hardship of tomorrow is not a surprise to the God who sees ahead. And he goes ahead in an active way. “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”(MAT6:30) God does know tomorrow, He exercises control over it. He actively meets our needs, especially our biggest need: the eternal, spiritual need of salvation. So, it doesn’t matter where we are in life, God sees where we are, He knows where He is leading us, and He knows how to provide for us along the way. He sees ahead of you in ministry. Trust in Him in ministry like you have learned to trust Him personally.

God’s provision extends to His ongoing relationship to all of His creation, which is deeply dependent on Him. *The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.*(PSA34:10) Often, we take for granted the rain that falls, the sun that comes up every morning, the refreshing winds that blow, and the tides that cleanse our shores and refresh the life in our vast oceans. But all these things are watched over by our loving God in His provision for us. When we hear a word like, “trust,” when we say, “I need to trust God with this,” we are saying, is that we believe God will see to it. *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.*(MAT6:31-32)