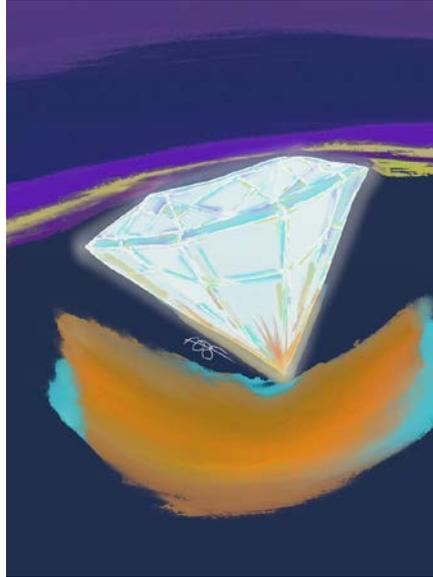


**Wednesday Word of the Week**  
**Provision**  
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Origin: Late Middle English (also in the sense 'foresight'): via Old French from Latin provisio(n-), from providere 'foresee, attend to' (see provide). The verb dates from the early 19th century.

Definitions:

- \*The action of providing or supplying something for use
- \*(provision for/against) Financial or other arrangements for future eventualities or requirements
- \*An amount set aside out of profits in the accounts of an organization for a known liability, especially a bad debt or the diminution in value of an asset
- \*An amount or thing supplied or provided
- \*(provisions) Supplies of food, drink, or equipment, especially for a journey
- \*A condition or requirement in a legal document

Another way to look at this word is seen in the origin; 'to foresee' or see forward (as in time).

Last week, during my study of God's word, I came across something that really opened my spiritual eyes. Holy Spirit allowed me to see something I had not seen before and thus

allowing me to gain a deeper look at God the Father's heart. This revelation is growing and changing my relationship with the Creator making me fall even more in love with Him day by day.

I am currently doing an intense study of mountains in the Bible. I stumbled upon a different way to see how the Lord provides through this study. Here is the verse Holy Spirit opened my eyes to along with the different texts He led me to:

'Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."' (Genesis 22:13-14 NKJV)

'Avraham raised his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in the bushes by its horns. Avraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son. 14 Avraham called the place Adonai Yir'eh [Adonai will see (to it), Adonai provides] — as it is said to this day, "On the mountain Adonai is seen."' (Genesis 22:13-14 Complete Jewish Bible[CJB])

'And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.' (Genesis 22:13-14 KJV)

Those are three different texts saying three different things (at least by our initial understanding). What Holy Spirit showed me is that they are all saying the same thing. The Lord's provisions are through our sight of Him. One text says, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided". Another says, "On the mountain Adonai (the Lord) is seen". And the third says, "In the mount of the Lord it (I'm sensing "it" is the provision) shall be seen". What is Holy Spirit trying to get us to understand? A few things.

First, it took Abraham looking up to see the ram (the ram is symbolic of Jesus Christ) which the Lord provided to him. If we do not look to God we have no hope of seeing what He has given

to us in our time of need. Then after we look up and see the provision, we have to go (move/take action) in order to get a hold of the provision. Another thing Holy Spirit is trying to get us to understand is that the provision is not only from the Lord but it is the Lord. The Lord is our provision. If you need hope, the Lord is hope. If you need peace, the Lord is peace. If you need finances, the Lord is our currency. When we look up and then go to Him (on the mountain), He not only gives us our needs but we see Him and learn that He is our need. Provision: to see forward (as in time). God transcends space and time. Are you willing to climb the mountain to see Him in all His glory or do you want to stay in the camp and wait until someone else tells you what they saw when they encountered Him in all His goodness? He wants you to come and seek then see Him. He desires to provide for you everything you can think or ask and beyond. He desires to spend time with you and share His most intimate secrets. He desires you to be with and see Him and to see that He is all you need. However, just as you would not tell your inner most feelings to someone you do not know or trust, our Lord will not either. You have to get to know Him first. Start climbing, start seeking. It is on the mountain that God provides, the provision is seen, and we begin to see God in all His Glory and Splendor.

#### **Bible Verses:**

**Exodus 33:19-23** - Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21 And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

**Psalms 27:5** - For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

**Matthew 16:16-19** - Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has

not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

**Hebrews 1:1-3** - God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**Genesis 15:1** - After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

**Revelation 22:1-5** - And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

**Matthew 6:6-13** - But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray:  
Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your 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 forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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