

Faith in God for Supernatural Provision

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In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, we read: "But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in Glory, by Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4:19)

Whether we know it or not God, is our source of supply, just as He is the source of all life. When we study the Word of God and see how Jehovah led the children of Israel out of Egypt, through the desert, and into the Promised Land, we can basically see that He provided in two ways.

He provided through a supernatural way in the desert, and through a natural way in the Promised Land, **but the provision** came from him in both cases.

The same is true in the earth life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sometime we see natural provision from his own work as a carpenter, later, from the partners and supporters of his ministry, but at times, we also see supernatural provision.

Either way we can rest assured that the Father supplied all his needs according to his riches in glory. Hallelujah!

People that live in nations where there is a weak social safety net sometimes have a much greater appreciation for this truth than people that live in socialized nations.

But I say by the Spirit that it is time to develop faith in God for supernatural provision, and not just rely and depend on the social resources of the government.

Jesus came sometimes into situations when he needed supernatural provision. After he had fasted for forty days and nights and had nothing to break the fast with, then **the angels came and ministered to him** with physical food and drink. (Matthew 4:11)

Later on in his ministry, on a certain occasion, there were thousands that were hungry and needed food after listening all day, in a desert place, to his teaching. Now Jesus knew how to activate his faith in the supernatural provision of the Father. He knew how to release a miracle of provision into his own life, into the life of the young boy that gave his lunch, into the disciples that distributed the bread and the fish, and also into the multitude of people, by thanking the Father for what he had and to bless it. (Mark 6:41)

The miracle of provision took place when they, by faith, shared what the Lord was providing, until they had all been filled. Afterwards, when they gathered the remains, there were baskets of food left for the young boy to take home to his mother.

Jesus commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave *them* to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. (Mark 6:39-44)

A great miracle of provision!

As a child, I was fascinated by stories of supernatural provision that the Lord supplied in the lives of my father and grandmother.

Sometimes they had no food or money, but grandmother who was believing God for provision still, set the table and told my father, who was then a child, to sit down at the table and thank the Father by faith, for the food that he had provided.

All of a sudden there would be a knock on the door and as they opened it, and there would be someone there with an already made meal. This would happen many times when there was no other way.

Surely the norm is that the Lord provides through the work that he calls us to do, but even that should be by faith. **For the just shall live by faith** in our loving and providing Father Jehovah Jireh. (Hebrews 11:38)

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