

"What Does It Mean That God Will Meet My Needs?"

Deuteronomy 8:12-17 & Matthew 6:25-34

- What is a need Biblically?:
 - Job 1:21; 2 Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 13:20-21; Philippians 2:12-13
- Matthew 6:25-34
 - *"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"*: Our bodies are not the source of anything. They do not give us life; in fact God is the source of all life, namely, spiritual, emotional, and physical life.
 - *"Are you not of more value than the birds?"*: Because we are made in the image of God, how much more will God meet our needs? Do we believe He will faithfully meet our needs until He takes us home to be with Him?
 - *"Can add a single hour to his span of life...."*: Being anxious about our needs being provided does not bring a greater quality or a greater span of life.
 - *"Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all"*: God knows what is required to seek Him first. That is, to keep our mind set on Him and not ourselves; His will and not our own. God meeting our needs and us seeking Him first is not the absence of trouble. Instead we are called to depend on Him as the source of all things.
- Philippians 4:19-20 & 11-13
 - *"My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches...."*: The source of every need in my life is found in Christ, met through Christ, and for the glory of Christ (physical, emotional, and spiritual).
 - *"I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content (know my needs are being met)"*: When I am brought low, when I am abounding, when I have plenty, when I am facing hunger, when I have abundance, when I am lacking, He is providing all I need to glorify Him by His strength. He is my ultimate source because He needs nothing outside of Himself to meet every need.
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
 - *"We want you to know about the grace of God that has been given"*: As our needs are being met by God we can still experience severe affliction and extreme poverty. Because our needs are being met we can respond in these situations with abundant joy and a wealth of generosity.
- 2 Corinthians 11:23-29 & Romans 8:35-36
 - *"If I must boast, I will boast in the things that show my weakness"*: Because God meets my needs I can glorify His great Name while I'm experiencing general suffering, exhaustive work, imprisonment, beatings, being shipwrecked, being in danger, sleepless nights, being hungry and thirsty, having no shelter, and being full of anxiety for the church.
- *God meeting my needs doesn't mean:*
 - (1) That I will always get to live at my current economic status. (2) That I will daily experience physical, emotional, and spiritual comfort. (3) That I will have abundance, a savings account, or a full fridge. (4) I will get whatever I want. (5) That God will keep me from making horrible, life altering decisions. (6) That I will never suffer horribly.
- *God meeting my needs does mean:*
 - (1) That knowing God and enjoying God is better than anything in this life and He will teach me that as He meets my needs (Psalm 63:1-3). (2) He will provide the grace and the strength to endure anything I face in this life (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). (3) That He will never leave me or forsake me and that nothing can separate me from His love (Romans 8:38-39 & Hebrews 13:5). (4) He will provide all I need to build treasure in heaven, seek His kingdom, and persevere to the end (Matthew 6:33-34; Matthew 6:20-21; Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:31-32).