

What is your Life?

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Introduction: We need help each day to see our need of God.

- A. If we are not renewed daily, we will think like the world. **(James 4:13-16)**
 - 1. We are often arrogant in judging the world and our future by the limited perspective we possess.
 - 2. What if we could see life by how God sees it?
- B. God wants us to see His actions in our lives so that we will be bound to Him in thanksgiving.
 - 1. We need to be rooting both in God's word and in a memory filled with knowledge of God's actions. **(Col 2:6-7)**
 - 2. On one hand we see men claiming to be "in Christ alone" but rejecting the Apostle's doctrine.
 - 3. On the other hand we may see men who act as if they do not need God. Pride and self-sufficiency can destroy us.
 - 4. Are you filled with the knowledge of how God has provided for you?

I. How the Lord will provide for our lives

- A. There is an unconditional provision that God makes for all men. **(Acts 17:23-27)**
 - 1. This knowledge ought to have caused these men to rethink their lives.
 - 2. This goodness of God ought to make men change. **(Mt 5:45)**
 - 3. Worldly men will take the credit for the things which God has done.
- B. The full provision of God comes to those who love Him. **(Rom 8:28)**
 - 1. This has a calming affect in difficult times. **(1 Pt 3:11-13)**
 - 2. There is a dedication and devotion that comes from such a commitment. This is not to be feared as "legalism."
- C. The Lord will provide according to His promises.
 - 1. Abraham knew this. Once he knew God's promise then he regarded the matter as a certainty. **(Rom 4:20-21)**
 - 2. What promises has God given us? Can we be like Abraham? **(Rom 4:17)**
- D. The Lord will provide in His own time.
 - 1. We must learn to "wait on the Lord." **(Psa 27:14; 37:7-9)**
 - 2. What we really need will be given in due time. Suffering could be a gift!
- E. We are blessed to have conditional promises from God! **(Acts 27:21-22, 31-32)**
 - 1. What if we do not meet the condition? Should we study carefully God's conditions?
 - 2. What kind of faith are you building? Is this the stand of the churches of men? **(Heb 3:18-19)**

II. Ways which the Lord may provide for our lives

- A. While we know the Lord will provide, we do not always know how He will do it.
 - 1. Abraham learned this and so did Mordecai. **(Esther 4:14)**
 - 2. Paul would also grant the possibility of God's actions in meeting Onesimus.

(Philemon 1:15)

3. Please be careful in attributing things to God. We could be wrong.
- B. God may open a door of opportunity.
 1. The only opportunities God will give us are those that are for His purposes. He does not provide things only for "our lusts." **(Jas 4:2-3)**
 2. What the child of God would see as an opportunity the worldly man would see as a hindrance. **(1 Cor 16:9; 2 Cor 2:12)**
 3. What has God placed in your life? Start looking at your family!
- C. God may allow you to hear His word.
 1. Cornelius knew that God gave him an opportunity that he had sought. **(Acts 10:21-22)**
 2. How many times have you been at a service and heard from God's word they very thing you needed in a particular matter?
 3. Are you here with the prayer that God might show you things that you need to change or do in your life? (Ex. Bored looks in an audience)
- D. God may put you in a position of responsibility. **(Esther 4:14)**
 1. What is God's purpose for your life? Do you think this way?
 2. When men seek ways to be useful to God, then He will provide!
- E. God may allow trouble to come for a while.
 1. There were many years of trouble for Joseph that resulted in great good. God planned this! **(Gen 50:19-20; Psa 105:17)**
 2. Paul needed to have a thorn in the flesh for his salvation. **(2 Cor 12:7)**
 3. How do you view your troubles; as an opportunity or as a cause of worry?

III. Situations in which we need the Lord to provide

- A. We need the Lord to provide for our forgiveness.
 1. He has done so through His Son and offered it to us in the gospel. **(1 Cor 15:1-2)**
 2. We must accept God's provisions in responding to His promises for forgiveness. **(Acts 2:21, 38; 22:16)**
 3. We need to be comforted in the faithfulness of God to forgive. **(1 Jn 1:7-9)**
- B. We need the Lord to provide for our faithfulness.
 1. We need His aid in our battle against temptation. **(1 Cor 10:13; Heb 2:18)**
 2. We need His aid in keeping ourselves in the faith. **(2 Tim 1:12)**
- C. We need the Lord to provide help in finding a mate.
 1. Abraham sought God's help in finding a wife for Isaac.
 2. We need to trust God and be willing to wait. **(1 Pet 3:7)**
- D. We need the Lord to provide for the guidance of our families. **(Judges 13:8)**
 1. If we could only see how much we need God, how our priorities would change!
 2. Are you praying fervently for God help in your home?
- E. We need the Lord to provide for our health and life. **(2 Cor 1:8-10)**

Conclusion: "God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him."