



My God will provide

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today.

Introduction

The past two years have been tough and this year we have many questions. Maybe you asking yourself questions like, will this be a better year than last year? Will there come a day when COVID-19 is eradicated and life can return to normal? What is going to happen with my job, my future and the future of my loved ones?

With all that is going on people are forgetting that God is there to help us and are instead focusing on what is happening and we are trusting the local news bulletin is more we are trusting God and all through this fear is arising in our lives.

The fear of the unknown, the fear of Covid-19, the fear of dying, the fear of failure and a whole host of other fears that are beginning to take control of our lives and is taking our focus off God and His Word slowly but surely!

And with all this uncertainty is always good to know to turn our attention and focus back to God and remind ourselves that our God is in control of everything and when we begin to put our faith in Him and trust Him to do exceedingly abundantly more than we can ever hope or ask for.

Our title scripture is **Philippians 4:18-20** *¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

We need to constantly remind ourselves that God WILL meet all our needs according to His riches in Glory, please stop declaring the opposite by saying I do not have money for...? Rather say "let us trust God for ...?"

Do you realise why this verse does not say "...And my God will meet all your needs according to His bank account...?"

The reason is that, if this was according to a bank account that means that there is a limit to the supply because a bank account has a balance! The good news is there is an unlimited supply for all our needs and God tells us not to worry about these things and He promises to take care of our needs from an unlimited source.

God owns everything! Here are a few examples, God owns everything!

Psalm 50:10-11 God owns all the birds of the air, cattle on a thousand hills, the insects and all wild animals are His.

Psalm 24:1 and 1 Corinthians 10:26 – the earth and everything in it belongs to God

Haggai 2:8 – All the Gold and silver are His

And the God that owns everything and has riches and wealth beyond imagination says you must not worry about your daily provisions do you not think we need to apply our faith to His Word and do that?



Matthew 6:25-34 *²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat because or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

Note that there is a condition to the promise, and when you meet this condition you unlock the promise in your lives, the condition is *“But Seek first the kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well”*.

So, if you seek His Kingdom and His righteousness in all you do, God will take care/provide for you.

So, what is there to fear?

Fear is the weapon of Satan

Fear is the weapon that Satan uses to keep us from fulfilling the plans and purposes that God has installed for us! If Satan can make us fearful about situations, people and things, then he can have power over us to steal your joy.

Note that happiness and joy are two entirely different things, happiness depends on happenings when you do not get that promotion or increase you think you deserve you are not happy when things do not go or happen as you planned you are unhappy.

However, Joy does not depend on happenings but is a condition of being content in your situation despite the happenings around you, the Bible says that Jesus Christ endured the Cross because of the JOY set before Him – what Joy – Your and my and the entire human race’s Salvation through him.

Hebrews 12:2-3 *² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”*

Most people living on earth think that their joy is tied to happiness and so when things do not happen according to what they think should happen their joy goes out the window.

Satan wants to steal your joy because when he brings/causes negative situations upon your life, these situations steal your happiness and because most people’s joy is tied to their happiness or happenings in their life.



So, because he has stolen your happiness and joy, he can also steal your salvation or your desire to serve because Nehemiah 8:10 says the JOY of the Lord is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10 *“¹⁰ Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”*

So, the attack on your life when things do not happen as you plan and if your joy is locked up in your happenings Satan can rob you away from God and God’s plan for your life and eventually steal your Salvation which is found in no other name but the Name of Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

Satan is a very real enemy and his only desire for you is to get you to miss Salvation and he will use every situation possible to rob you of your happiness and joy because if he can do this he has won.

So, when you see things that are attacking your happiness but especially your joy, know that Satan is involved and run to God for His protection and restore within yourself the JOY of your Salvation – remind yourself what God has done for you, how He saved you from death, sickness, disease and situations and the delight yourself in Him through thanksgiving and praises you will be able to endure anything!

Never forget the importance of praising and worshipping before God, sadly the COVID-19 had been a huge happiness and joy stealer in the history of mankind, many people have died, and fear has fallen on most people, why? Because they have lost their joy and happiness because of what is happening.

The answer is Jesus Christ and you worshipping and praising Him, and what was one of the first places to be closed down? Not the bars, disco’s, restaurants but the main attack has been on the CHURCHES and limiting their attendance, the one place where we usually praise and worship God!

The bars and social places are full of people having a good time, I see very little social distancing and mask-wearing in these places, but the churches are still restricted to social distancing and mask-wearing, why?

Satan wants to steal your and my joy through removing the one anchor we have in life Jesus Christ, and our ability to praise, worship Him and hear encouraging messages about God and our future in Him that lifts our state of mind and give us hope, peace and joy!

Please never stop reading the Word of God, never stop praying/speaking to Him, and never stop praising Him and worshipping Him with your mouth in songs, hymns and encouraging yourself and others.

Let’s pray