

I die daily

How often do we look the wrong way for our provision? Even in that how often to we view prosperity wrong? Gen 39:3 The Lord made all that he did to prosper In his hand. It's a reality check that's important to take in. We should look to God for our provision, we should trust Him for it.

We read scriptures that continually point us to that very fact. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness And then ...well everything else will be added to you. I love when Christ and the disciples needed tax money. Christ sends the disciples fishing. He told them "when" you catch a fish, open its mouth and a coin will be theretake it and pay what we owe. I love that story. Because it reminds me that God's provision may come from places that I am not looking to

or expecting it from. So often we are taking thought of tomorrow ...when God has told us plainly not to.

Prosperity is so much more than the physical things of this earth. Prosperity is peace, it's contentment, it's joy unspeakable, it's assurance, it's all of the things that are real and present in a relationship with God. And listen, it's also physical blessings as well. The scripture in Gen 39:3 is about Joseph. God prospered everything that he laid his hand to. The way God prospered Joseph, lead to Joseph being able to provide for His family in a time of famine. As the church, and certainly as an individual it's important to reflect on this. If it's the will of God, He will provide a way. I love the scripture that says, "I've never seen the children of God begging bread". Why is that? It's because our God provides for His people. He provided comfort for Elijah when He was down in His spirit, and He also provided food. He provided for the widow and her son supernaturally when she gave the last of what she "thought" she had to God's profit. He fed 5000 with a few fish and loaves of bread. These are the things we need to remind ourselves of. This is where our faith should be. Look to the Lord!

The same God that provides our wants also provides "the desires of our heart". He loves us, and without strain will take care of us. Do you trust Him? Setting out on that journey with Christ is all about trust. While the world whispers in your ear that you can't do it, and tries to remind you of how unworthy you are, there God is, with open arms, saying "come to me". Your worth is in Christ. His love overlooks many faults.

I went hiking in Red River Gorge-Ky this past week. You have to be careful as you are hiking, because there are huge drop-offs. I followed a path that had already been made. Somebody had already cleared it. Trees that had fallen had been cut away, ropes were tied to help climb some of the rocks, ribbons were tied to mark the path. There was a way prepared and I trusted the one that had laid it out. I had no idea who it was, but I trusted and followed the direction that was laid out. I even

stopped and said a couple of times, I appreciate the guy that took the time to do this. God loves us......Christ died for us. He has laid out a path, and has assured us that on this path, there is abundant life. We have to choose to trust the path He has laid out in front of us. I literally trusted a man who I never met to lead me through woods I have never walked through.....shouldn't I trust my creator to lead me through life? Shouldn't we appreciate what He has done to prepare the path?

God forgive us today for the times we question your leadership. Forgive me for the times I tried to cut my own path. Forgive us Father for looking for our provision in the wrong places. Lord help us today to have our treasure in the right place. We love you, and we appreciate you. In Jesus name AMEN

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The Lord made all that he did to prosper In his hand. Gen. 39:3

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Psa. 128:1-2

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psa. 37:3-4

Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. <u>Josh. 1:9</u>

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33

As long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper. <u>II Chron.</u> 26:5

Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: and thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. <u>Deut. 8:11</u>, <u>17</u>

Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? I Chron. 22:18