

God always Provides Pt. 1

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Subtitle: God's Covenant of Prosperity

Psalm 111:1–5 (AMP) PRAISE THE Lord! (Hallelujah!) I will praise and give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the council of the upright and in the congregation. 2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all those who have delight in them. 3 His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever. 4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious, merciful, and full of loving compassion. 5 He has given food and provision to those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever and imprint it [on His mind].

At the beginning of the lockdown we have emphasised God's Protection. Now, after the lockdown it's time to emphasise God's Provision.

The Covid-19 lockdown and its ensuing lack of productivity has resulted in a considerable economic downturn. The effect of this economic downturn has not fully realised yet, largely due to a massive government spend-up. However, in the long run, government cannot cushion the population from the inevitable.

- NZ Government debt is currently at 138 billion \$
 - This is \$29,326 for each citizen (children included)
 - Government debt has gone from 20% of GDP to 55%
 - Many businesses have closed permanently, and others are failing
 - Unemployment rates are rising
 - A economic recession seems inevitable, and some even speak of a depression
- We are now in “faith territory” concerning God's provision for our lives
 - The need to walk by faith is stronger today than it was, say, last year

In short, the economic forecast is not looking good for the foreseeable future.

This is a good time to look to God and His faithfulness in a renewed way, and build up our faith on His wonderful promises.

Psalm 111:4–5 (AMP) He has given food and provision to those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever and imprint it [on His mind].

- God gives food & provision to those reverently and worshipfully fear Him
- He remembers His covenant forever
- Evidently, food and provision for God's people is a covenant issue

When you became a Christian, God entered into a covenant with you.

Matthew 26:27–28 (NLT) *And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, **28 for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.***

- The shed blood of Jesus Christ has ratified (confirmed) the New Covenant (New Agreement) that God has made with His people
- Everyone who has surrendered their life to Jesus Christ, and accepted Him as their Lord and Saviour is part of this New Covenant

This covenant includes:

- Forgiveness of sins & eternal life
- Healing of body and soul (physical & emotional healing) (1 Peter 2:24)
- Protection from plagues, disasters & calamities (Psalm 91)
- Provision for our lives (Phil. 4:19)

Deuteronomy 8:18 (ESV) *You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

God is able to confirm (fulfil) His covenant with His people irrespective of the economy around us. God is not limited by the economy of the world.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV) *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet **for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.***

Ampl. ... *by His poverty you might become enriched (**abundantly supplied**).*

- On the cross, Jesus became absolutely poverty-stricken (sacrificially)
- So that we, through His sacrifice, become rich & be abundantly supplied

God has demonstrated, again and again, His willingness and ability to provide for His people irrespective of the economy:

- Manna, water and quail in the wilderness for the Israelites (Ex. 16 & 17)
- Oil and flour for the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:14)
- Oil for the prophet's widow & her two sons (2 Kings 4:1-7)

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV) *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

- This is a statement of fact
- Make this a faith declaration, and confess aloud it every day
- Build your faith in the good days so its working in the lean days

Phil. 4: 19 (Wuest NT) *But my God shall satisfy to the full your every need in accordance with His wealth in glory in Christ Jesus.*

- God supplies according to His wealth in glory, not according to wealth in NZ
- Wealth on NZ is limited, but God's wealth in glory (heaven) is unlimited

King David made bold faith declarations:

Psalm 144:12–15 (NIV) ... our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace. 13 Our barns will be filled with every kind of provision. Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields; 14 our oxen will draw heavy loads. There will be no breaching of walls, no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets. 15 Blessed is the people of whom this is true; blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 37:18–19, 25 (NLT) Day by day the Lord takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever. 19 They will not be disgraced in hard times; even in famine they will have more than enough. ... 25 Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.

Prophetic Word for 2020: “2020 – a Year of Plenty”

Prophetic Word from ps Terry: “God is sending people, resources, finances and healings to you, as we speak, that you could NEVER imagine. Your situation is about to change. He gave me the word UNIMAGINABLE.”

1 Timothy 1:18 (ESV) This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with **the prophecies previously made about you, that by them** you may wage the good warfare.