

## THE NEED TO BE SUPPLIED

*“For I know that this shall turn out to my salvation, through your supplication and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.”*

PHILIPPIANS 1:19 (ASV)

The very nature of the Christian life requires that we spend time with the Lord, because the Christian life is a supplied life. It is a life that is supplied to us. It has nothing to do with our own resources or any potential in ourselves. It has everything to do with our opening up to Another life to be supplied by that life from beginning to end. The Christian life is a life that has been prepared The Christian life is a life that has been prepared for us and is then furnished to us by God. He intends to continually supply Himself to us. It is for the reason that we need to spend time with the Lord—to receive the supply.

When we hear the truth from the Scriptures or from others, we may take it as a personal demand upon us and feel threatened. We may think, “I’m not like that. I could never do that. I can’t imagine that I could ever feel that way. I just can’t live up to that.” With these kinds of thoughts and feelings, if we do not realize that the Christian life is a supplied life, we may conclude that this life is not for us and give up.

But listen to this. Every word that God has spoken in the Bible, whatever it is, whatever apparent demand it brings, God wants to supply that very thing into our being. It is not that we are expected to “measure up,” or come up with the ability to perform in ourselves. No, God intends to continually supply Himself to us. We must understand the Christian life in this way—it is a supplied life. From beginning to end, it is supplied to us. And this supply comes to us and is dispensed into us in a very special and enjoyable way—*by spending time with the Lord.*

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**Isaiah 40:27-31** “Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

## GOD’S PROVISION

**Genesis 22:1-14** “Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’ **So Abraham rose early in the morning** and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; **the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.**’ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, ‘My father!’ And he said ‘Here I am, my son.’ Then he said, ‘Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?’ And Abraham said, ‘My son, **God will provide for Himself the lamb** for a burnt offering.’ So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ So he said, ‘Here I am.’ Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for **now I know** that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, **The-LORD-Will-Provide;** as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’”

**PROVERBS 3:5-6** “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”