

Theme
**Knowing &
Experiencing God**



Psalm 23 (NIV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, **3** He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the LORD forever.



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#7 - Jehovah-Nissi



REVIEW #1 - The Lord is my Shepherd - **Jehovah Rohi**

I. Know and experience the **Love** of the Good Shepherd.

Foundational. He **FIRST** loved us.

We must continually receive His love to live, work, serve, etc.

From Spirit of **Sonship** vs **Orphan** spirit (**responses in the flesh!**)

II. Know and experience the **Leading** of the Good Shepherd.

III. Know and experience the **Lordship** of the Good Shepherd.

Lady under condemnation of Jn 21:15 - dead works thots

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Struggles with Providence

When you have bills to pay

When you are running on OD

When your job is threatened

When you are retrenched

When you are getting old and your savings are quickly depleting

When a family member is sick and medical bills are piling up

Resort to dishonesty and misrepresentation to do deal - lack trust

When you want to get married but have no money to

A mere home-maker completely reliant on your husband who uses money to manipulate you



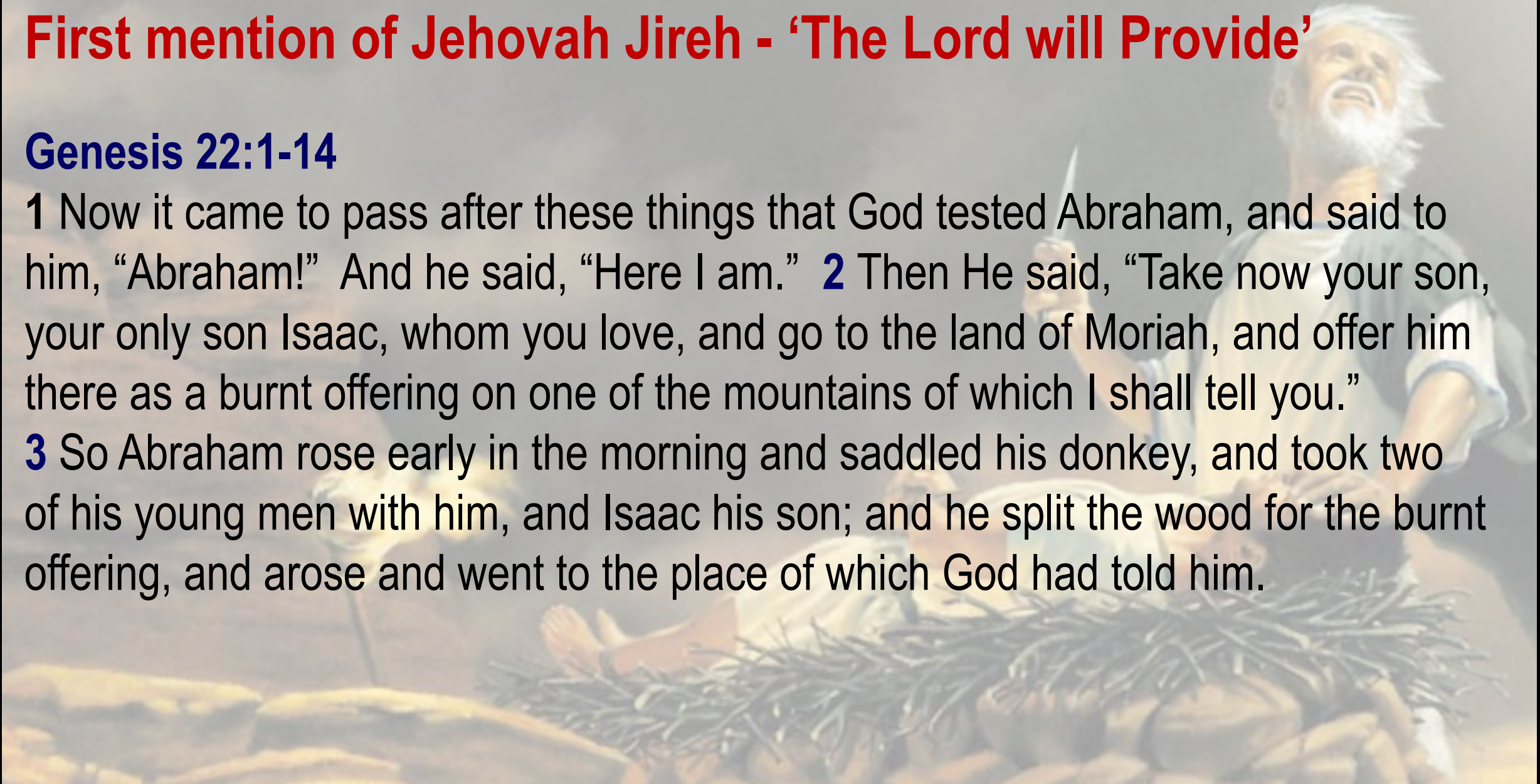
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1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3 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.



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4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

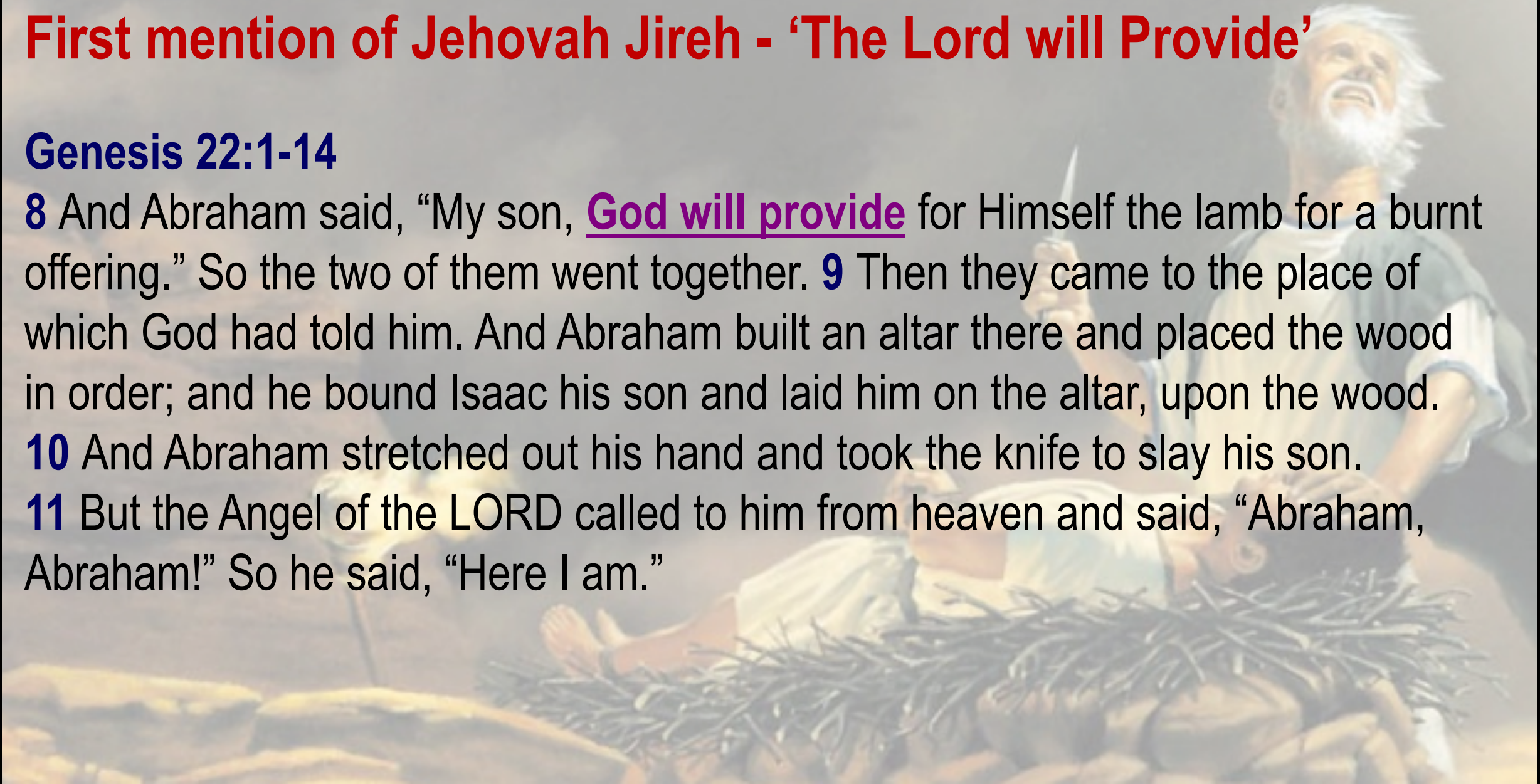
5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." **6** So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. **7** 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 a burnt offering?"

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8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. **9** 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. **10** And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”



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12 And He said, "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." **13** 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. **14** 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."

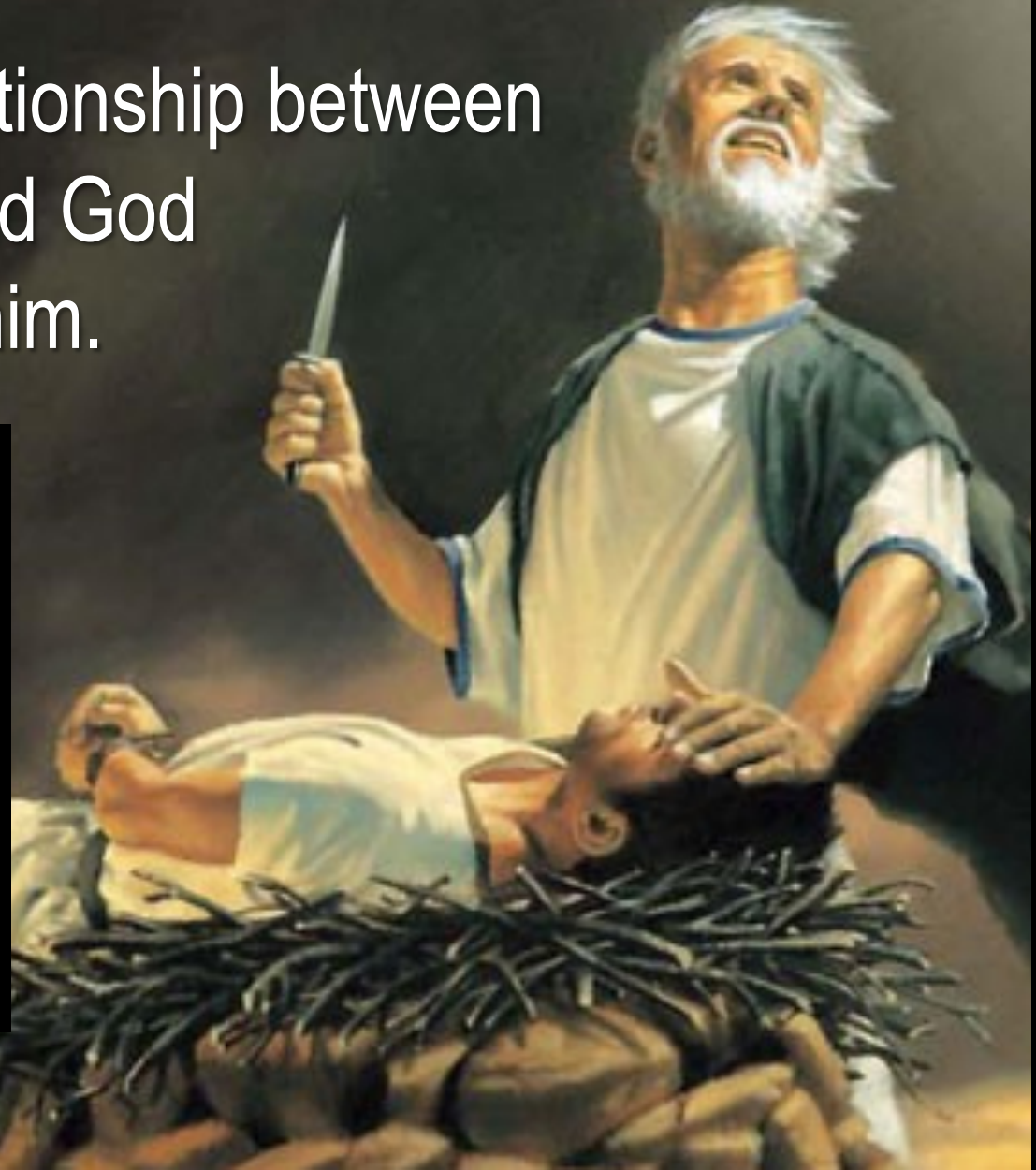
This is a very unique situation between God and Abraham.

Based on the specific covenantal relationship between them in Genesis 17, Abraham believed God will raise Isaac and a multitude after him.

God saved the promised son to A from being the sacrifice.

Eventually, God provided the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world!

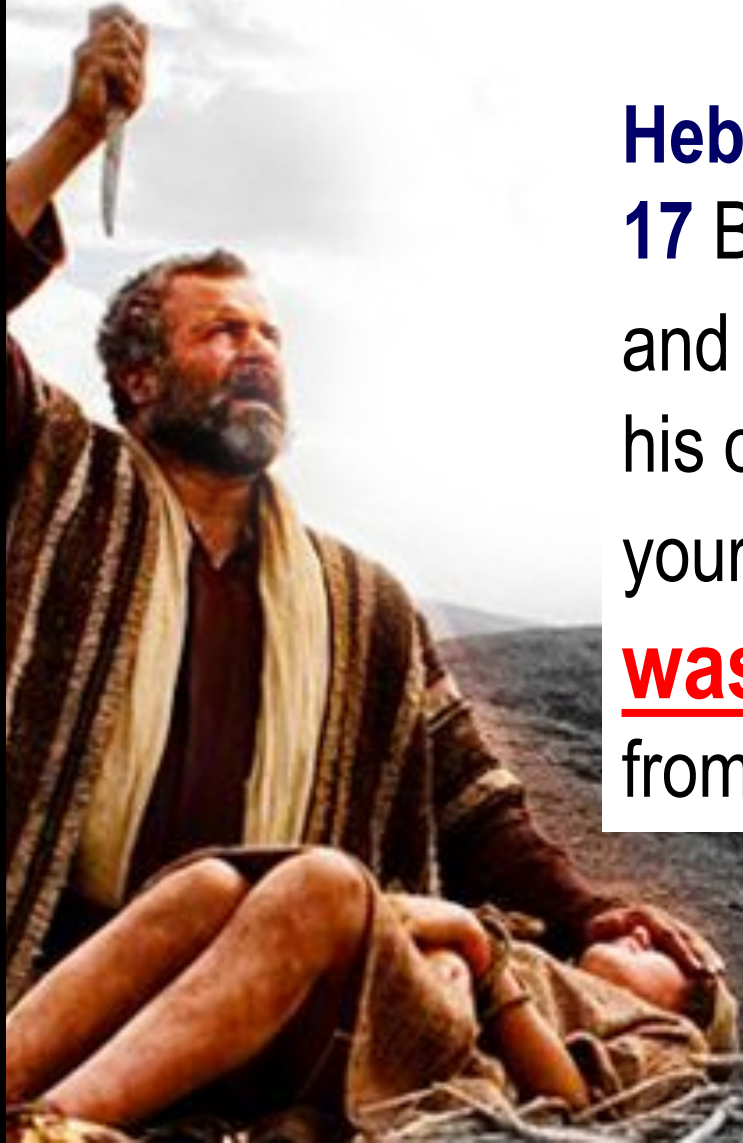
John 3:16



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Hebrew 11:17-19

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, **18** of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” **19** concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.



Learn the principle:
Faith in God. Trust His Word.

It is NOT a command to sacrifice
our children (Molech-Canaanite)



I shall not be in want
- **Jehovah Jireh** -

Providence

Why?



I shall not be in want - **Jehovah Jireh. Providence.** WHY?

1. The Lord wants us to fulfill the good works He pre-ordained for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Good works are all we do to:

A. **value-add and value-multiply** into lives

B. **influence and impact** lives for the Lord.

Through Our:

- **Primary** Calling [our roles & responsibilities]
- **Missional** Calling [as directed by the Word & Spirit]
 - Mark 16:15-20
 - Luke 4:18
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - Acts 26:18
 - Matthew 5:13-16

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2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

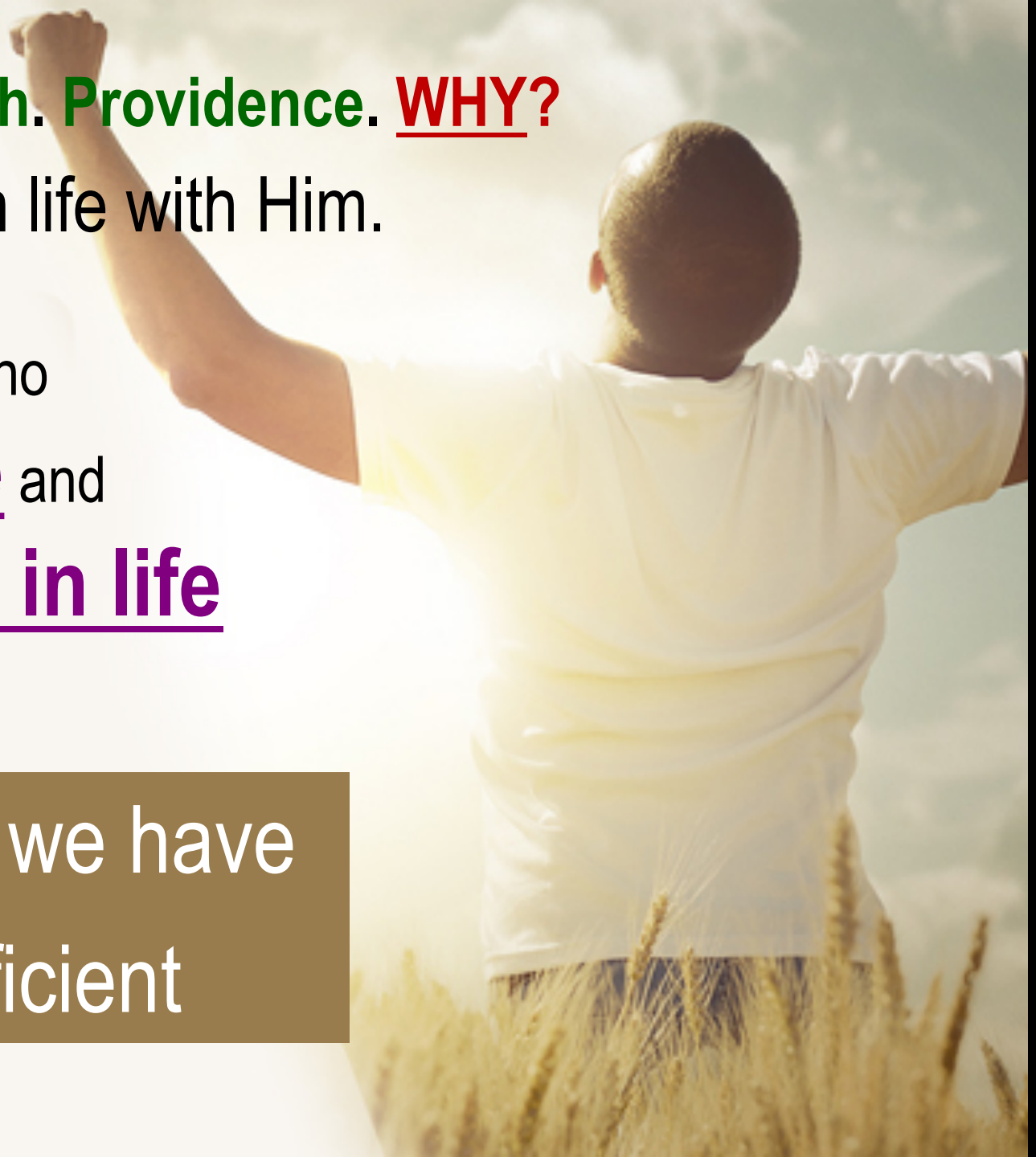


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2. The Lord wants us to **reign** in life with Him.

Romans 5:17b ... much more those who receive **abundance of grace** and of the gift of righteousness will **reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.)

We can only give of what we have
Always more than sufficient



I shall not be in want - **Jehovah Jireh**



Principles of Providence

Four Key Principles of Providence

- A. Know, understand and trust God as Your ultimate Provider.
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A. Know, understand and trust God as Your ultimate Provider.

1 Kings 17:12-15

12 So she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” **13** And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.”



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1 Kings 17:12-15

14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel:

‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.’” **15** So she went

away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.



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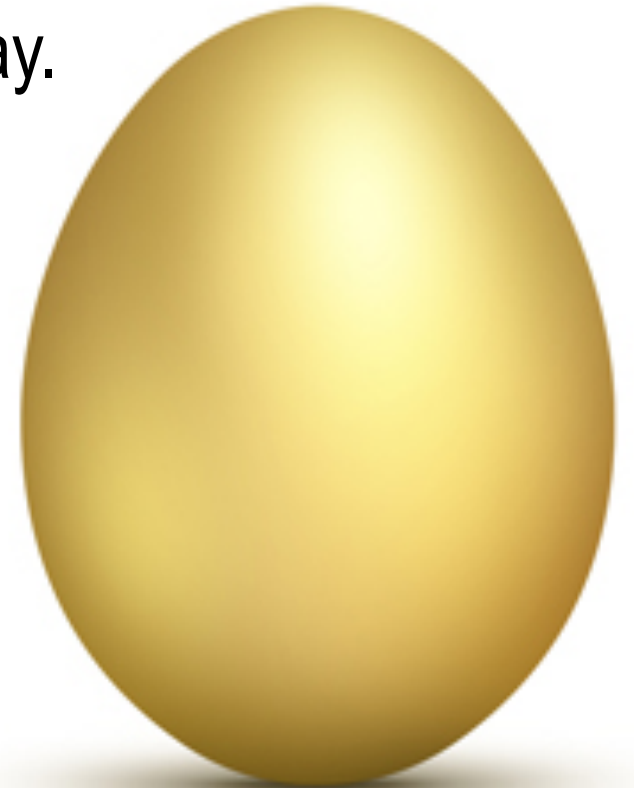
Deuteronomy 8:18 And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

1 Chronicles 29:12, 14b, 16

12 Both riches and honor come from You, ...

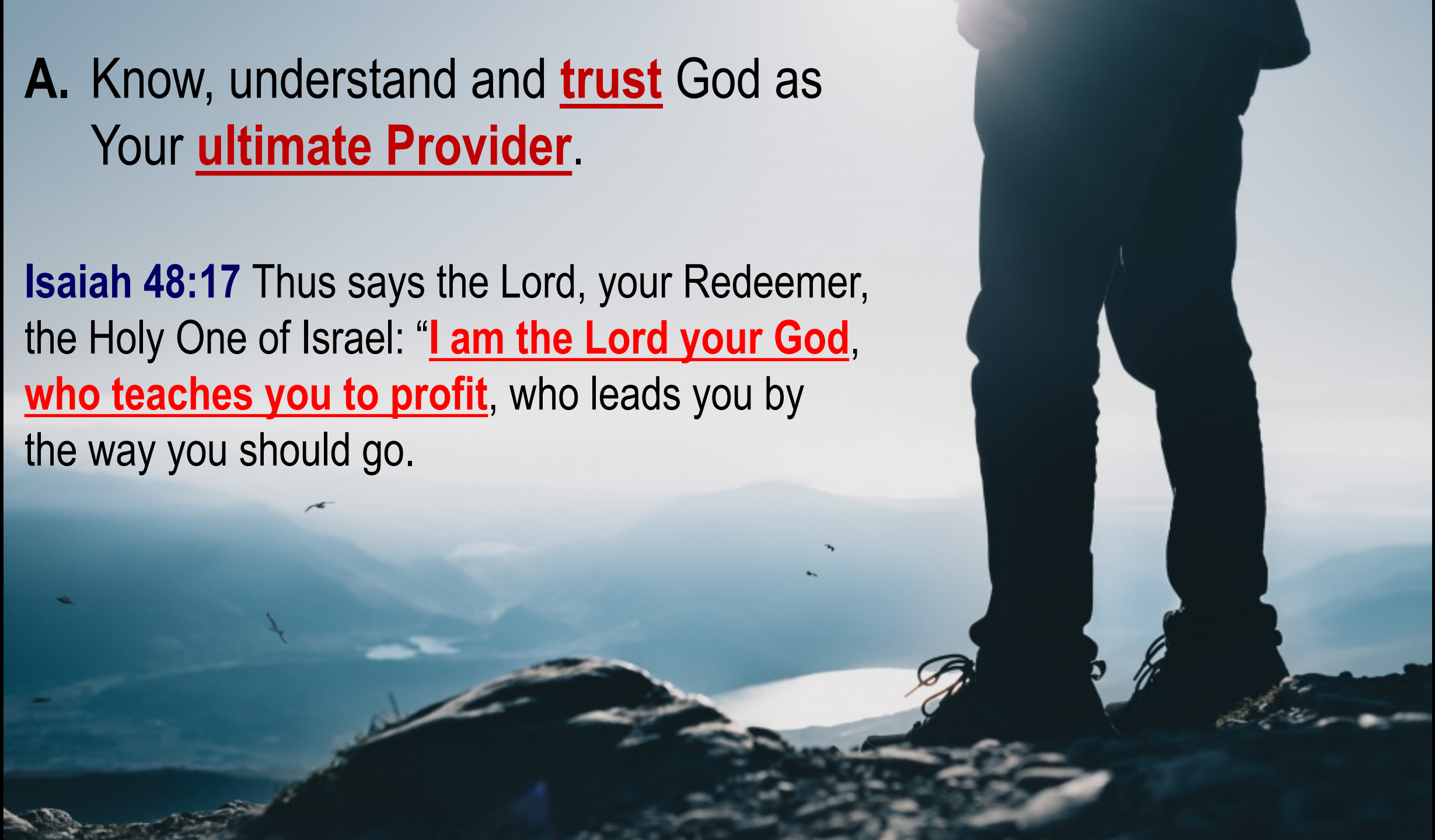
14 ... For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.

16 O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own.



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Isaiah 48:17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer,
the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God,
who teaches you to profit, who leads you by
the way you should go.



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Psalm 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad,
who favour my righteous cause; and let them
say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified,
who has pleasure in the prosperity of His
servant.”

Jesus spoke more about \$ than about prayer or faith!

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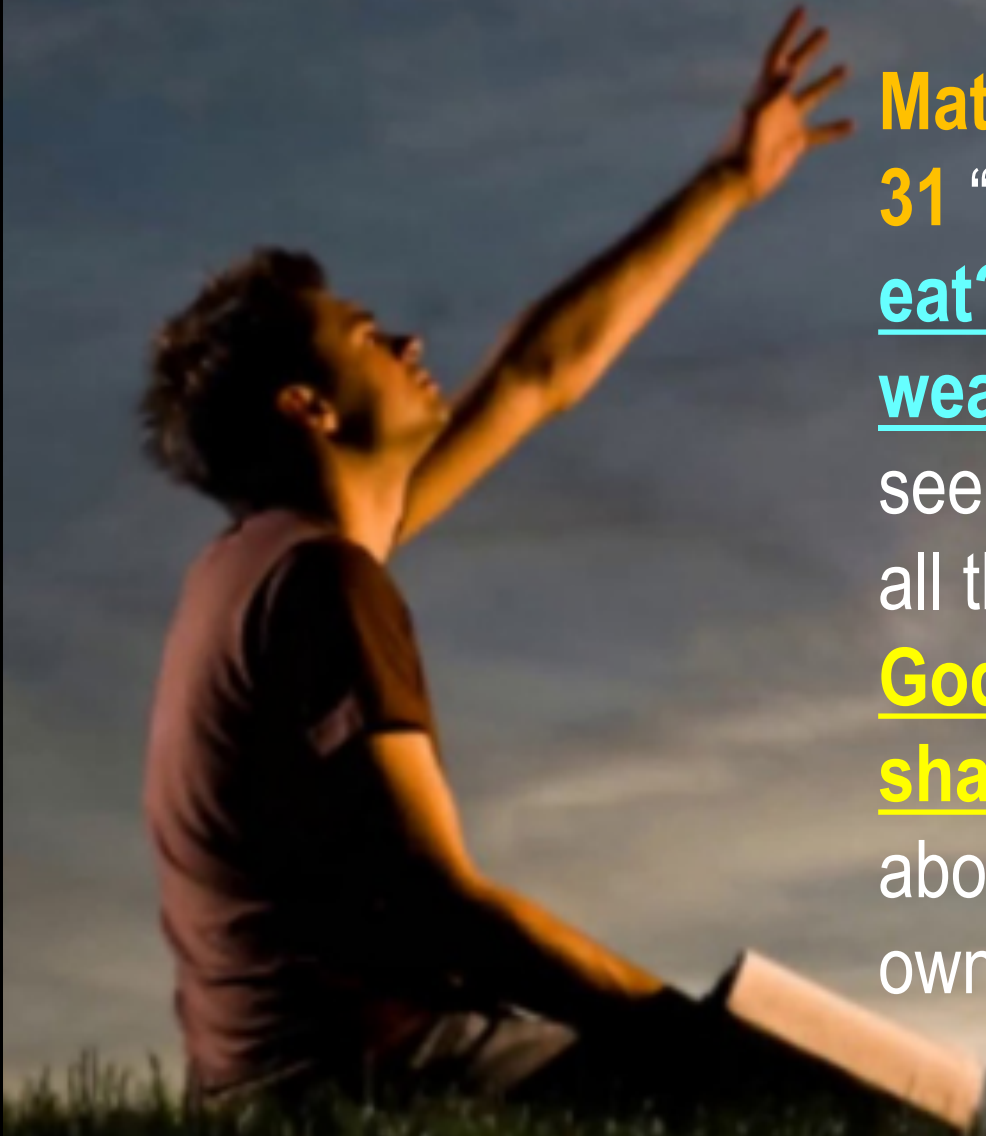
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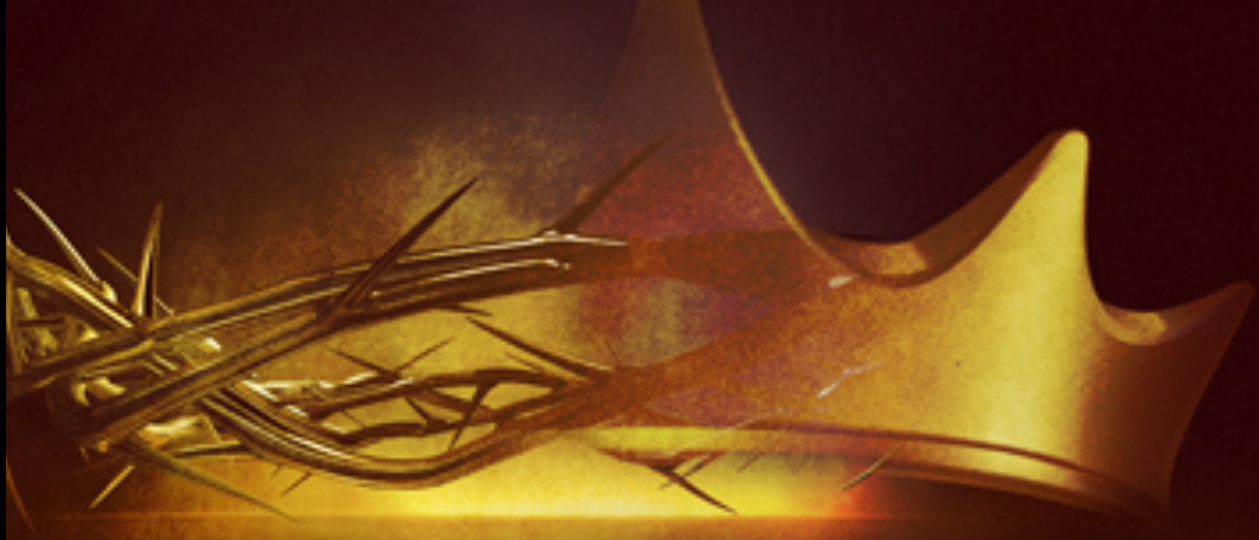
Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

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Matthew 6:31-34

31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.





B. Seek first God, His Kingdom and His Righteousness.

(1) This is all about making Jesus the KING of our lives.

It is about:

(A) His Reign and

(B) His Rule over our lives.

B. Seek first God, His Kingdom and His Righteousness.

(2) His Kingdom is governed by Righteousness.

(A) Right standing with God [Justification].

(B) Right believing in God [The Word and Holy Spirit].

(C) Right living [Obedience].

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Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (right standing), 2 through whom (Jesus) also we have access by faith into this grace (provision) in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.

God cannot be loving (wanting to give and bless us)
but unjust and un-righteous!

Hebrews 6:10

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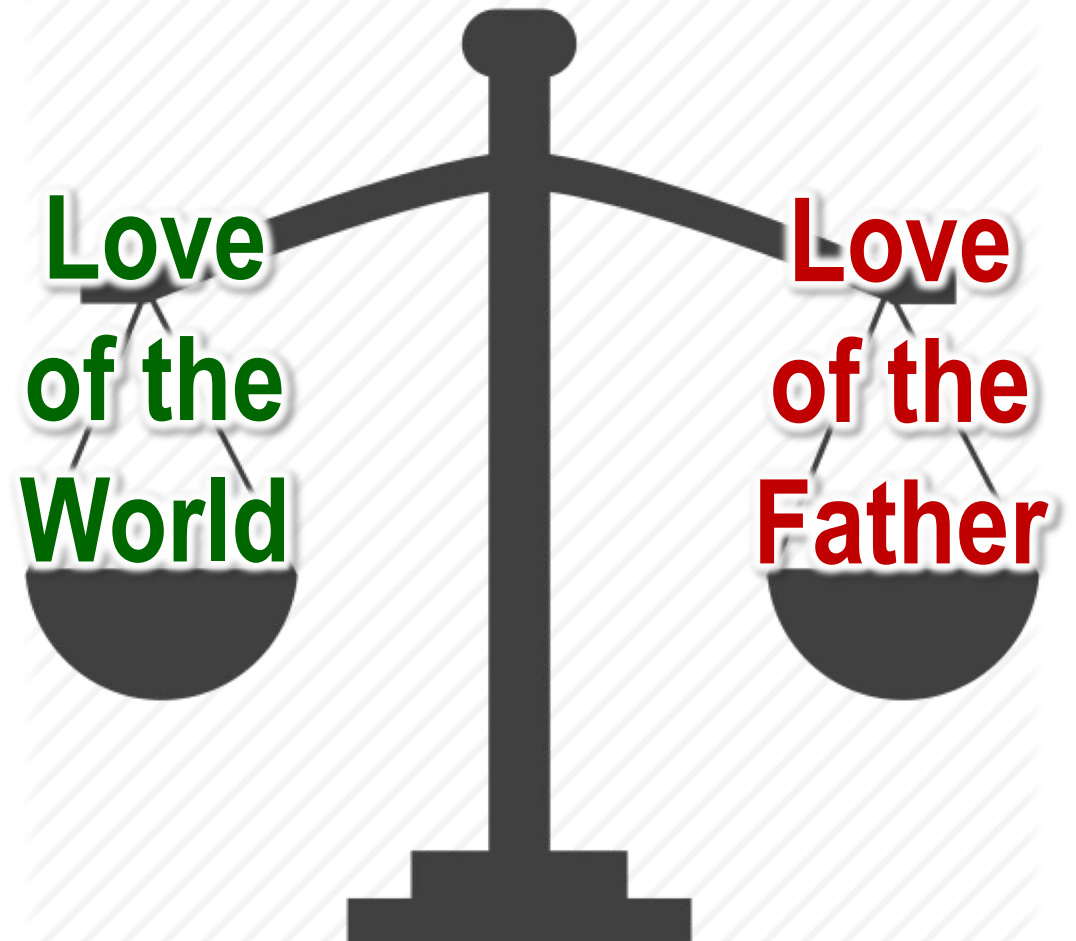
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(1) Be rooted in the Father's love to overcome the love of the world.

1 John 2:15-16

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.



C. Do not love the world. Deepen your relationship with God.

(2A) Hold very loosely everything of the world.

(2B) Hold very tightly to the Word & your r/s with the HS.

Isaiah 30:1-3

1 “Woe to the rebellious children,” says the Lord, “Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; 2 who walk to go down to Egypt, and have not asked My advice, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and trust in the shadow of Egypt shall be your humiliation.”



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Isaiah 31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord!



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John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”



Lady in pits/failures till saw goodness of God at Calvary

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Exodus 8:22-23

22 ... that no swarms of flies ... 23 ... make a difference between
My people and your people...

Exodus 9:4 And the Lord will make a difference between the livestock
of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all that belongs
to the children of Israel.

Exodus 11:7 ... the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians
and Israel.

C. Do not **love the world**. Deepen your relationship with God

(3) Do **NOT** give **ground-foothold** to the evil one.

1 John 5:18 ... but **he who has been born of God keeps himself**, and **the wicked one does not touch-harm (NIV) him**.

Ephesians 4:27 nor give **place (doorway-open doors)** to the devil.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour**.

John 10:10a

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Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help
in time of need.

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Luke 11:11-13

11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

God provides for our basic needs because He is our Father-God!

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Healing

Salvation of loved one

Parenting teen child

Coping with work

Financial Freedom

Getting a job

Health

Backache

Cancer

Difficult Marriage

Conflicts with church member

Unresolved issues with God

Cannot communicate with young adult child

Unreasonable
bosses

Breakthroughs in
baggage issue

Making the next deal
after dry season



D. Find the specific grace for our specific needs.

Where to seek Grace (specific provision)?

Seek **GRACE** in the Word of God:

(1) in the promises of God

(2) in the laws and principles in scriptures.



Know the Promises and Principles in scripture.
e.g. 1 - About the Tithe

Malachi 3:8-11

8 “Will a man rob God?” Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’

In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse,
for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that
there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,”
says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you
the windows of heaven and pour out for you such
blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.



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Malachi 3:8-11

11 “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,”
says the Lord of hosts.

The tithe is **NOT** about \$.
It is about our **FAITH!**
Firstfruits to God!



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e.g. 2 - About showing Mercy

James 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Orphans - Widows - Foreigners
The weaker - less privileged - dis-advantaged

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e.g. 3 - About being Generous

Proverbs 11:25 The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.

You may give without loving,
but you cannot love without giving!

ABC-XYZ

Romans 8:32

James 1:17



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e.g. 4 - About giving to the Poor

Proverbs 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given.

Psalm 112:5-7

5 A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion. **6** Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. **7** He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Student Loans; \$ for Mission Trip - S&K

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e.g. 5 - About the Law of Faith [James 2:14-16]

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

God responds to our faith, not to our needs per se.

It is **NOT** about **Praying Harder!**

It is about **Praying from the Heart!**

James 5:17

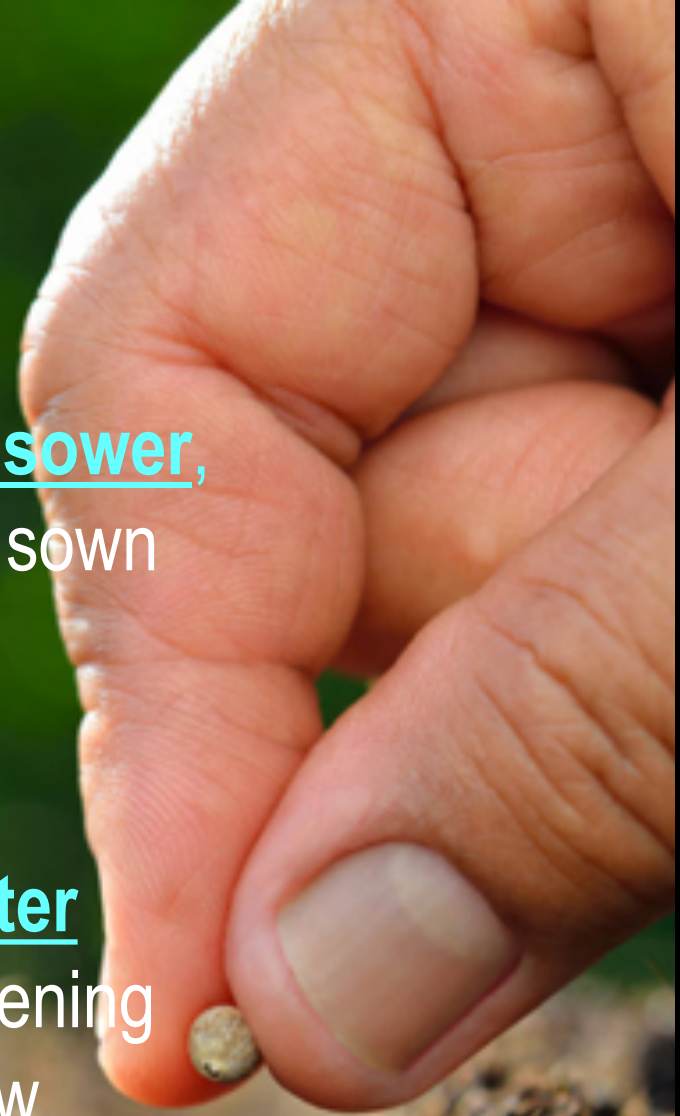
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e.g. 6 - About bread and seed

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower,
and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown
and increase the fruits of your righteousness

Ecclesiastes 11:1, 6

1 Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after
many days. **6** In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening
do not withhold your hand; (diligence) for you do not know
which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both alike
will be good.



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2 Corinthians 9:6-7

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Luke 16:10a He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much ...

If you're not been faithful to handle thousands of dollars,
unlikely the L will entrust you with the hundreds of thousands of dollars!
Stewardship - Buckets - Income Sources - Expenditure

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- The **Prosperity Gospel** focuses almost entirely on the material, monetary, and treat God as a magic machine!
- The Gospel of the KOG is NOT the Prosperity Gospel.
- H/e, the Gospel of the KOG will bless believers accordingly (**faith, laws...**)
- Throw the dirty water in the bath tub, but keep the baby.
- Eat the meat, throw away the bones.
- We can never buy or pay for the Blessings of God.
- It is all His Mercy and Grace.

Farmer-rice field-irrigation water-neighbour-dam-marsh/swamp
CSL-Hols-Sow; Pres of WV-Losses-Mkts-Down-W-Pray-Sow

A silhouette of a person with long hair, seen from behind, with their arms outstretched horizontally towards the horizon. They are standing on a dark, silhouetted hill or mountain. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds, and a bright, glowing sun is positioned directly behind the person's head, creating a halo effect and illuminating the clouds with a warm, golden light. The overall scene conveys a sense of awe, surrender, and connection with nature.

Bottom-line

The key to the Lord's Providence is
Surrender and Trust

Bottom-line [ACT OF FAITH] Combine Giving w Prayer

- Widow offered her last meal to Elijah and ate for many days
- David bought threshing floor & oxen & sacrificed to the L/asked for mercy
- Boy brought 5 loaves & 2 fishes to the L Who then fed 5000
- Disciples gave 7 loaves & few small fish to the L Who fed 4000

1. Know what is bread & seed. Sow a seed - make an offering to the Lord.
2. The harvest [grace for your particular need] is in the seed.
3. Water the seed with prayer asking for the grace you need (Hebrews 4:16).
4. Do this intentionally as an act of faith (Hebrews 11:6).
5. Continue to soak this matter in expectant prayer.