

Praise be to You for Your providence

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

A double blessing.

We get to seek You, know You instead of idle stressing for things. Secondly, You will give the things we need. You will provide.

For a man can indeed provide for himself, if You grant him, without seeking You. Yet, how utterly in vain his enterprise will turn out to be when he wipes the sweat off his brow and, looking at all his achievements, he realizes that none of his works shall last and true fulfillment is but a mirage in the desert of his wishful thinking. Yes, all the milk and honey, the pleasures of this world cannot quench the thirst of his desires, which drive him to toil for more until...Never-ending as Proverbs says.

But Your green pastures are real, Your water live-giving. Jehovah Jireh is Your name and You see our needs and You will provide everything we need. Glory to Your name, for You consider our needs to be important. We matter to You.

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Scriptural references in OT-NT order (NKJV):

Genesis 22:8, 14 “And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. (...) 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.””

Psalms 23:2 “He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.”

Proverbs 27:20 “Hell and Destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.”

Ecclesiastes 1:2,14 “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher; “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” (...) I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.”

Ecclesiastes 2:1-3,11, 22-24 “I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure”; but surely, this also was vanity. I said of laughter—“Madness!”; and of mirth, “What does it accomplish?” I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives. (...) Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done, and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun. (...) For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.”

Ecclesiastes 6:2,7 “A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it. This is vanity, and it is an evil affliction. (...) All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the soul is not satisfied.”

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

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.”

Philippians 4:19 “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”