## FIVE ASSURANCES OF GOD: #5 - THE PROVISION OF GOD

In any uncertain times, we can use reassurance to strengthen us and infuse us with courage. This Bible study considers the provision of God and how we can trust Him with our deepest needs.

### **ASSURANCE #5**

- Presence of God
- Promises of God
- Protection of God
- Power of God
- Provision of God

What verses speak to you of the provision of God?

#### While studying the following verses, consider:

What does God provide?

Does God provide the way we expect Him to provide? Why or why not?

Luke 12:22-34

Of what value are you?
What do these verses say God provides?
How does God provide this to you? Think of specific examples from your life.
Why are we able to be generous?
Where is your heart – what is your treasure?

I Peter 1:3-5

What has God provided, according to Peter? How has He made provision for that?

Romans 8:28-39

What can we trust God to provide according to verses 28, 29-30, 32, 37, 39?

How do we incorporate these truths into our lives?

Psalm 23:1-3

What does our heavenly Shepherd provide?

What does that look like for us in a world that brings us trouble.

Philippians 4:19-20

For what needs will God make supply?

What might be a reason why something you "need" is not being supplied? (Do not be satisfied to simply say it is not truly needed. Consider what is the true need underlying what you think you need. Consider the example of Abraham in Genesis 16:1-4; 17:18-19; 21:8-11; 22:1-18.)

2 Corinthians 9:8-13

What does it mean if we do not turn to God to provide for us?

For what reason does God supply, increase, and enlarge us?

How should God's provision affect our relationship with Him?

# PROVISION OF GOD – APPLICATION 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

What might be needed in our lives if we are not experiencing God's provision?

# PROVISION OF GOD – APPLICATION JOSHUA 1:7-8

How are we directed to face situations as we rely on God's provision?

How does God define "success" and "prosperity"?

What leads to success and prosperity according to this passage?

# PROVISION OF GOD – APPLICATION HEBREWS 13:5

What should characterize the believer's attitude about provision?

# PROVISION OF GOD – APPLICATION MATTHEW 6:31-34

Since God knows what we need to eat, drink, and wear, what is our focus to be?

Give specific examples of how we make that our focus on a daily basis.

# PROVISION OF GOD – APPLICATION MATTHEW 7:7-11

What does Jesus say we should do when we have a need?

How does God respond?

Consider what it means when God responds differently than we expect.

#### THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PROVISION

Are there needs in your life for which you have not asked God to provide? Why haven't you asked Him?

Remember that asking God does not replace doing what we are able or required to meet our needs. Consider the balance of attitude and faith with action.

#### THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PROVISION

Are you willing to wait in your current circumstances (however long it takes) for God to answer your prayers for provision?

If not, why not? What does that indicate you think about God? About yourself?

Will you accept His answer if it is "no"?

Remember Abraham who didn't wait and the results in the future of his action. Remember David who did wait to be crowned king (although already anointed king) while Saul still lived (see 1 Samuel 24). How is David described in 1 Samuel 13:14?

#### THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PROVISION

God provides for his people spiritually, physically, emotionally, relationally, etc. Turn first to Him when you experience need of any kind, yet be willing to put action to what is in your control. Trust God's loving response to your request and trust His work in your life and character through your need.