JIREH. More Than Enough

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God provides Himself a sacrifice. In Genesis 22, He asked Abraham to offer his beloved son. It was so hard for Abraham to tell his son that he was the sacrifice, but he obeyed. God Himself offered a sacrifice because His name is Jehovah Jireh. He gave Jesus to us. As Jesus walked on earth, He revealed God to us, and showed so much abundance. Let us trust that God can do more than enough, more than we can ask for or imagine.

1. There are two Spiritual Issues (Prov 30: 8-9):

- 1.1. Wealth leads us to illusions, and we lose sight of God. How much is enough in salary, homes, positions/titles, cars, etc?
- 1.2. Poverty leads us to spiritual disease. Many people resort to deceiving or stealing to try to get enough.

2. What should we ask for?

- 2.1. We think whatever we have is ours to keep (Ps 50:10-12). We lose sight that everything came from God (Phil 4:13). God can take everything away (Hag2).
- 2.2. The Israelites were not satisfied. They complained, grumbled (Exo16:2-3), and became greedy (Exo 16:17-18). They had been provided, yet they wanted more.
- 2.3. Similarly, we want more even after each miracle/blessing. Jesus taught us to pray "The Lord's Prayer ...give us this day our daily bread..." Thus, He wants us to depend on Him daily. He does not want us to hoard goods (Mt 6:25).

3. The Lord is more than enough.

- 3.1. Jesus says "I am more than what you need.I am the truth; eternal life flows from Me" (Mt 6:26).
- 3.2. Our heavenly Father knows our needs (Mt 6:31-32). Worrying will just lessen our lifespan. The key is to live everyday one day at a time.

- 3.3. Only God knows our future. We should always be prepared. We never know if we will have long life. Therefore, let us praise God while we are alive.
- 3.4. When God is our Father, we will not be in want. Paul said: my God will meet my needs in accordance with His glory.
- 3.5. God works in the 11th hour. God is not bound by our time. We must pray and talk to Him about our plans (Prov 3).
- 3.6. God is a Lord of surprises. When He says no, there is another door that He will open (Ps 23:1, Ps 23:5-6).
- 3.7. Our Father in heaven gives good gifts (Mt 7:9-11). We will spend our days with perfect joy.
- 3.8. To whoever leaves everything to serve God, the blessings are infinite, un-fathomable (2 Cor 9:6-15).
- 3.9. We are limited by what we can handle. But God, our Jireh, is enough. Let us be content in every circumstance.
- 4. **The Lord looks at the heart.** Let us not go to Him empty-handed. We must be consistent as His vessels. He does not expect us to live in miracles all the time.
- 5. Being in need is part of our faith test daily. Whatever the Lord borrows, He returns a hundred-fold (Jn 6:1-15). When we pass the test, He will provide more. He wants to be glorified.

Conclusion:

We must re-program our thinking. Although we live in the world's economy, we must trust in God's sufficiency (Ps 91:14-16). Let us pray for just enough money to handle, just enough food to eat, just enough resources for the ministry.

Reflection:

- 1. What unthinkable thoughts do you fantasize about (what will you do if you win the Lotto)?
- 2. How do you handle your time, money, resources?

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