

GOD'S PROVISION OF LIFE

Genesis 2:7 - 24

Acts 17:25b, 28a "... (God) gives to all life, and breath, and all things;...for in Him we live, and move, and have our being."

A. God's Provision of Life: Genesis 2:7

1. Out of what was man's body formed? Genesis 2:7a

2. What gave life to his body? Genesis 2:7b

B. God's Provision of a Home: Genesis 2:8-14

1. Where did the first man live? Genesis 2:8

2. Name four distinct kinds of trees which God provided for him: Genesis 2:9

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

3. What other provision was made in this home? Genesis 2:10

C. God's Provision of Work: Genesis 2:15

1. What was to be the chief task of man? Genesis 2:15

2. What three other duties had already been planned for him? Genesis 1:28

(Three phrases)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

D. God's Provision of Food: Genesis 2:16, 17

1. What did God say the man might have for his food? Genesis 2:16, 17

2. What else had He also provided for food?: Genesis 1:29a

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E. God's Provision of Laws: Genesis 2:17

1. What did God tell the man he must not do? Genesis 2:17a
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2. For what reason did God give this law to the man? Genesis 2:17b
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F. God's Provision of Companionship: Genesis 2:18-24

1. After God had made the man, what did He say about him? Genesis 2:18a
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2. After God had made all the animals, what did He say of them? Genesis 2:20b
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3. Then what provision did God make for man? Genesis 2:21-24
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Who is permitted to enjoy such provisions as God made for the first man? (See Matthew 5:45b)
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2. What do you suppose God wants from us in return for all the provisions He has made for us? (See Revelation 4:11)
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves.” Psalm 100:3a

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, make me grateful for all You have provided for me. Forgive me for the times when I have acted as though I had created myself, and provided these things for myself. Help me to live always for Your glory and pleasure, and to give You the honor which is due unto You. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

GOD'S PROVISION OF SALVATION

Mark 15:1 - 39

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

A. The Trial of Jesus: Mark 15:1-15

1. After Judas had betrayed Jesus into the hands of the chief priests, of what did they accuse Him? Mark 15:3a

2. How did Jesus answer these accusations? Mark 15:3b, 5

3. Why had the chief priests arrested Jesus? Mark 15:10

4. What did the chief priests and the people say when Pilate asked them what evil Jesus had done? Mark 15:14

5. Why did Pilate permit Jesus to be crucified? Mark 15:15a

6. What did Pilate do to Jesus before He was crucified? Mark 15:15b

B. The Mocking of Jesus: Mark 15:16-19

1. What two things did the soldiers put upon Jesus? Mark 15:17

2. What did they say to Him? Mark 15:18

3. What three things did they do to Him? Mark 15:19

C. The Crucifixion of Jesus: Mark 15:20-32

1. To what place was Jesus taken to be crucified? Mark 15:22

2. What did Jesus do when they offered Him wine and myrrh? Mark 15:23

3. What people were crucified with Him? Mark 15:27

4. What did the people who passed by tell Jesus to do? Mark 15:30

5. What did the chief priests say about Jesus? Mark 15:31

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6. What did those who were crucified with Him do? Mark 15:32b
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D. The Death of Jesus: Mark 15:33-39

1. What happened for three hours before Jesus died? Mark 15:33
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2. Why did Jesus cry out just before He died? Mark 15:34
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3. What happened at the time Jesus died? Mark 15:38
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4. What did the centurion say when he saw the manner in which Jesus died? Mark 15:39
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What did it cost God and Jesus to provide salvation for me?
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2. Why was God willing to make such a sacrifice? (See Romans 5:8; John 3:16)
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“I gave My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?”

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, help me to see how very much it cost You to provide salvation for me. Help me to appreciate this gift, and to show my appreciation by accepting it for myself. Help me too, to give my whole life to You, for I realize that since You have bought me with Your blood, it belongs to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOD'S PROVISION OF VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1 - 11

1 Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

A. The Cause of Jesus' Temptations: Matthew 4:1

1. Who led Jesus to be tempted? Matthew 4:1a

2. Who actually tempted Jesus? Matthew 4:1c

B. The First Temptation: Matthew 4:2-4

1. Where did Jesus' first temptation occur? Matthew 4:1b

2. What happened for forty days before this temptation came? Matthew 4:2a

3. How did Jesus feel after this? Matthew 4:2b

4. What did the tempter suggest that Jesus do? Matthew 4:3b

5. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:4

C. The Second Temptation: Mathew 4:5-7

1. Where did the second temptation take place? Matthew 4:5

2. What did the tempter suggest that Jesus do? Matthew 4:6a

3. Why did the tempter suggest that this would be safe? Matthew 4:6b

4. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:7

D. The Third Temptation: Matthew 4:8-10

1. Where did this temptation take place? Matthew 4:8

2. What did the tempter suggest that Jesus do? Matthew 4:9b

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3. What did he promise Jesus if He would do this? Matthew 4:8b-9a

4. What was Jesus' answer to this temptation? Matthew 4:10

E. The Results of Jesus' Temptations: Matthew 4:11

1. Did Jesus yield to any of His temptations? (See Hebrews 4:15)

2. Where did Jesus get the answers which gave Him victory?
Matthew 4:4a, 7a, 10a

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is it ever necessary for me to yield to any temptation? (See Hebrew 2:18)

2. How well must I know the Scriptures if I would conquer my temptations?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"...God...always causeth us to triumph in Christ..." 2 Corinthians 2:14

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, I thank You for the victory over temptations which You have provided through Your Son Jesus. Teach me to live in this victory day by day. Help me to learn Your Word so well that even when the devil uses it wrongly I shall be able to stand against His tricks. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

**GOD'S PROVISION OF FORGIVENESS AND
CLEANSING FROM SIN
2 Samuel 11:1 – 12:14**

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

A. David's Sin: Read 2 Samuel 11:1-4

1. What did David do while his men went to battle? 2 Samuel 11:1

2. What did David see from the roof of his house? 2 Samuel 11:2

3. What did David discover about the woman he had seen? 2 Samuel 11:3

4. In spite of this fact, what did David do? 2 Samuel 11:4 (See Exodus 20:14)

B. The Results of the Sin: Read 2 Samuel 11:5-27

1. What was the first result of David's sin? 2 Samuel 11:5

2. What did David do to try to cover up for his sin? 2 Samuel 11:6-13
(See Proverbs 28:13)

3. When this scheme failed, what did David do? 2 Samuel 11:14-17
(See Exodus 20:13)

4. Then what did David do? 2 Samuel 11:26, 27a

5. How did God feel about what David had done? 2 Samuel 11:27b

6. Did David seem to realize what terrible things he had done?

C. The Punishment of the Sin: Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14

1. Who did God use to show David the awfulness of his sin? 2 Samuel 12:1-9

2. What things did God say would happen to David because of his sin?
 - a. 2 Samuel 12:10 _____
 - b. 2 Samuel 12:11a _____
 - c. 2 Samuel 12:11b, 12 _____
 - d. 2 Samuel 12:14b _____

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3. What did God say David had done by his sin? 2 Samuel 12:14

4. How did David feel about the sin he had committed? (See Psalm 51)

5. In spite of the fact that God had to punish David's sin, what did He promise? 2 Samuel 12:13b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. As soon as I realize that I have committed a sin, what may I do?
(See Proverbs 28:13)

2. Is it necessary for me to lose my joy, peace, happiness, and usefulness to God for a long time after I have committed a sin? (See Micah 7:18, 19)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed
our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12

PRAYER:

O Lord, how I thank You for the provision You have made for the forgiveness and
cleansing of my *every* sin. Teach me to come to Your *immediately* after each sin, that
my fellowship with You may be restored, and I may once more be happy in You and
useful to You for Your own name's sake, Amen.

GOD'S PROVISION OF JOY
Philippians 1:12 - 26, 4:4 - 7

John 15:11 "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full."

A. Paul's Own Attitude: Read Philippians 1:12-26

1. Where was Paul at the time he wrote the book of Philippians?
Philippians 1:13a

2. What had been the result of the things which had happened to him? Philippians 1:12

3. What effect had his condition had on some of the other Christians? Philippians 1:14

4. What were some of Paul's enemies doing? Philippians 1:15a

5. Why did they do this? Philippians 1:16

6. How did Paul feel about all these things? Philippians 1:18

7. What did Paul realize would happen because of these things?
Philippians 1:19

8. Regardless of what might happen to Paul, what was his one aim in life? Philippians
1:20b

9. What two possibilities did Paul face in the immediate future? Philippians 1:20c

10. Which of these would Paul rather do? Philippians 1:21b, 23

11. Which did he feel was more necessary for the Philippians? Philippians 1:24

12. Therefore, which did he feel sure would happen to him? Philippians 1:25a

13. What result would this have for the Philippians? Philippians 1:25b, 26

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B. Paul's Desire for the Philippians: Read Philippians 4:4-7

1. What was Paul's great desire for the Philippians? Philippians 2:18, 3:1, 4:4

2. What might keep this desire from being fulfilled? Philippians 4:6a and *THINK!*

3. What remedy did Paul suggest for this? Philippians 4:6b

4. What did Paul say would happen if the Philippians would do this?
Philippians 4:7

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is my attitude *always* one of joy--*fullness* of joy? (See Psalm 16:11)

2. If not, what may be the cause? (See Galatians 5:22; John 15:4, 10, 11)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God..."

--Isaiah 61:10a

PRAYER:

Precious Lord, how I thank You that You have made it possible for me to have overflowing joy at all times, regardless of how dark my circumstances may seem. Teach me to allow Your Spirit to have full control of me at all times, that You may produce in me this overflowing joy, and make it a means of showing to other Your wonderful provisions; for Your name's honor and glory, Amen.

GOD'S PROVISION OF PEACE

Acts 27:1 - 44

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

A. The First Part of Paul's Journey: Read Acts 27:1-12

1. Where did the Roman rulers determine to send Paul? Acts 27:1a

2. How was he going to make this trip? Acts 27:2

3. What had God promised him before he began this journey? Acts 23:11

4. Why did the first part of the journey take so long? Acts 27:4b, 7, 9

B. The Second Part of Paul's Journey: Read Acts 27:13-38

1. What happened not long after they began the second part of their journey? Acts 27:14, 18a

2. As a result, what did the sailors have to do? Acts 27:18b, 19

3. How bad was the storm that followed? Acts 27:20a

4. How did the soldiers and sailors feel as a result of this storm? Acts 27:20b

5. What did Paul tell them they should do? Acts 27:22a

6. What did Paul promise them? Acts 27:22b

7. How did Paul know that his promise would be fulfilled? Acts 27:23, 24

8. Was Paul afraid, as the other people on the ship were? Why? Acts 27:25

9. How long were they out in the storm? Acts 27:27

10. What had the people on the ship been doing all this time? Acts 27:33b

11. What did Paul suggest that they do now? Acts 27:34

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12. What effect did Paul's example have on the other people on the ship?
Acts 27:35, 36

C. The End of Paul's Journey: Read Acts 27:39-44

1. Although the ship wrecked the next day, what happened to all of the people? Acts 27:44b

2. Where did Paul finally arrive at the end of this journey? Acts 28:16a, 30, 31

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why could Paul have peace in time of trouble, when all others were fearful?

2. Do *I* count on God's promises in time of trouble, or do I fret and become afraid? (See Isaiah 7:4a, 30:15, 32:17, 18; 35:3, 4; Psalm 112:7)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"When *He* giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" Job 34:29a

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, I thank You for the wonderful promises You have made to me in Your Word. Keep me always trusting in You to fulfill these promises, and to work out every detail of my life according to Your perfect plan. Forgive me for the times I have looked at my difficulties, and have become troubled; instead of looking to You, and trusting You to give perfect peace. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

GOD'S PROVISION OF POWER FOR SERVICE

Acts 8:5 -13, 26 - 40

Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

A. Philip's Witness in the City: Read Acts 8:5-13

1. To what city did Philip go to witness? Acts 8:5

2. What happened as a result of his witness in this place? Acts 8:6a

3. What were some of the things God gave Philip power to do in order to accomplish these results in his service for God?
 - a. Acts 8:6 _____
 - b. Acts 8:7a _____
 - c. Acts 8:7b _____
4. What was the result of Philip's witness in that city? Acts 8:8

5. What important person believed as a result of Philip's witness there?
Acts 8:9-13

B. Philip's Witness in the Country: Read Acts 8:26-40

1. Why did Philip leave the great revival that was going on in the city? Acts 8:26a

2. To what kind of place did he go? Acts 8:26b

3. What person did he meet there? Acts 8:27

4. Where had this man been, and what had he been doing there? Acts 8:27b

5. What was he doing at the time Philip saw him? Acts 8:28

6. How did Philip know that he was to witness to this man? Acts 8:29

7. Of Whom did Philip talk? Acts 8:35

8. What happened as a result of Philip's witness in the country? Acts 8:37

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9. How did the man feel after Philip had been taken away from him? Acts 8:39b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could Philip possibly have produced these results by his *own* power?
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2. Has my witness for God ever produced results which could be explained only by God's supernatural power working through me? (See 2 Timothy 3:5)
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” Mark 16:20

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, how I praise You that You have provided Your power for my Christian service! Help me to realize how absolutely futile are my efforts to serve You in my own strength. Forgive me for the times I have sought to do this. May I never undertake to do for You *anything* except that which You have first led me by Your Spirit to do, and then empowered me by that same Spirit to accomplish. For Thy dear name's sake, Amen.

GOD'S PROVISION OF ETERNAL REWARDS

Luke 19:12 – 27

2 Timothy 4:8 “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing.”

A. The Nobleman's Departure: Read Luke 19:12-14

1. Where was the nobleman planning to go? Luke 19:12a

2. What was he going to receive there? Luke 19:12b

3. What was he going to do after this? Luke 19:12c

4. Who do you think the nobleman represented? (*THINK!*)

5. Before the nobleman left, what did he give to his ten servants? Luke 19:13a

6. What did he tell them to do while he was away? Luke 19:13b

7. Who do you think the servants represent? (*THINK!*)

8. How did the nobleman's citizens feel about him? Luke 19:14a

9. What message did they send after him? Luke 19:14b

10. Who do you think the citizens represent? (*THINK!*)

B. The Nobleman's Return: Read Luke 19:15-27

1. What did the nobleman do as soon as he returned? Luke 19:15a

2. What did he want to know from each servant? Luke 19:15b

3. How much had each servant received from the nobleman?
Luke 19:16a, 18a, 20a

4. What percentage had the first servant gained? Luke 19:16

5. Over how many cities was he given authority? Luke 19:17b

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6. What percentage had the second servant gained? Luke 19:18

7. Over how many cities was he given authority? Luke 19:19

8. What percentage had the third servant gained? Luke 19:20, 21

9. Was the nobleman content to receive from him just what he had given to him? Luke 19:22, 23

10. What reward was this servant given? Luke 19:24-26

11. What did the nobleman do to those citizens who did not want him to reign over them? Luke 19:27

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What determines the *amount* of my eternal reward (See Luke 19:15b)

2. Am I using *all* the Lord has given me to make the *most possible* gain for Him?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me,
to give every man according as his work shall be.” Revelation 22:12

PRAYER:

O, Lord God, help me to make sure that I am one of Your servants, and not one who refuses to have You reign over me. Help me to take stock of all You have given me, and to make sure that I am using *all* of it to make the greatest possible gain for You. Forbid that when You do return, I should offer to You only what You did give me. Teach me what it means to *love* Your appearing, and to live each day ready for Your return. For Jesus’ sake, Amen.

GOD'S PROVISION OF ALL GOOD THINGS

Psalm 84:11

Psalm 84:11, 12 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

A. Description of Solomon: Read 1 Kings 3:3, 4

1. What was Solomon's attitude toward the Lord? 1 Kings 3:3a

2. Whose example did Solomon follow in his daily life? 1 Kings 3:3b

3. What were some of the things for which this person was noted? 1 Kings 3:6b

4. How did Solomon express his great love for the Lord? 1 Kings 3:4

B. God's Offer to Solomon: Read 1 Kings 3:5

1. What happened just after Solomon's great expression of his love for God?

1 Kings 3:5a

2. What did God give Solomon the privilege of doing? 1 Kings 3:5b

C. Solomon's Request of God: Read 1 Kings 3:6-9

1. For what did Solomon thank the Lord before he made his request?

1 Kings 3:6

2. How did Solomon feel about undertaking the task God had given him of being king? 1 King 3:7

3. What did Solomon realize about the people over whom he was to be king?

1 Kings 3:8

4. Therefore, what did Solomon request of God? 1 Kings 3:9

D. God's Gift to Solomon: Read 1 Kings 3:10-15

1. How did God feel about Solomon's request? 1 Kings 3:10

2. To what extent did God grant this request? 1 Kings 3:12

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3. For what characteristic did God particularly commend Solomon? 1 Kings 3:11 and *THINK!*

4. Because of this characteristic, what did God also give Solomon? 1 Kings 3:13

5. What did God promise Solomon if he would continue to walk uprightly as David his father had done? 1 Kings 3:14

6. What did Solomon do after he had received all these gifts? 1 Kings 3:15

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Am I meeting the condition for receiving all good things from the Lord?

2. If so, what is probably true of all the things I want but do not receive?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“...The Lord is able to give thee much more than this.” 2 Chronicles 25:9b

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, search my heart today. Show me if there is anything in my attitude toward You or in my daily walk which is not pleasing to You. Help me always to walk uprightly. Teach me to be grateful that You do sometimes withhold things from me, because they would not be good for me; and fill my heart to overflowing with praise for all the many good things You have given me. For Jesus' sake, Amen.