

Philippians 4:19

MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED

- I. Supply What?
 - A. "Need" refers to necessities for life, both physical and spiritual.
 - 1. God has no needs or unfulfilled wants, for He is the perfectly Self-sufficient One, who is always full.
 - 2. As earthly and sinful creatures we only have needs, none of which we can supply for ourselves (are always empty).
 - 3. What I need, while expressed in a desire, is not what I want.
 - B. Notice that "need" is singular and refers to man's need being God: His favor and fellowship.
 - 1. Man was created to live in fellowship with God.
 - 2. All of man's needs are determined by and are subservient to this one need.
 - 3. We need forgiveness and righteousness.
 - C. Paul's needs were met by the Philippians' love gift; but he insists that he had learned to be content without it.
- II. God determines our need and He supplies it.
 - A. God knows our need (Matt. 6:32).
 - B. God "shall supply."
 - 1. "Supply" is to make full, fill up, make to abound, complete or abundantly supplied.
 - 2. He meets "all" our need, i.e., the whole of it, not just a part.
 - C. God's supply comes "by Christ Jesus."
 - 1. Having lost all the riches we had in Adam, we only make ourselves more and more needy.
 - 2. Jesus is the meritorious cause why all the riches of God's glory are given to us.
 - 3. Presently we have the principle of salvation, which we can never lose.
- III. Our text rings with confidence, which has two sources.
 - A. First, Paul's confidence comes from the fact that our Supplier is "my God."
 - 1. Jehovah was not unknown to Paul, but was the One whom he knew, loved, and obeyed.
 - 2. Paul's God is able to do exceeding abundantly.
 - B. Second, our confidence arises from of the abundance of God's "riches in glory" (cf. Eph. 3:16).
 - 1. God's infinite capacity of His own glory is the only source able to meet our need.
 - 2. This is an inexhaustible source, and it is the measure according to which our need is and shall be filled.