

Let the Journey Begin

a study in the book of Exodus

Preparing for a Victorious Journey - PART THREE

Lesson 3

In PART ONE of our study, we considered the LORD as the Provider for Our Journey. In PART TWO we looked at our Need for Provision and our attempts to meet our needs with our own resources. In this lesson, we will look at the choice God has placed before each believer – Trading our Stuff for His. May the Lord reveal to you how exceedingly, abundantly His provision surpasses yours.

Trusting the Provision

1. In order to trust the provision, we must trust the Provider. Read each of the following verses.

Numbers 23:19 *"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"*

Psalm 9:10 *And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

Psalm 13:5 *But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.*

Psalm 139:17 *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!*

Psalm 28:7 *The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.*

Psalm 37:4-6 *Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

Psalm 56:3 *Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.*

Psalm 56:4 *In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?*

Psalm 62:8 *Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah*

Psalm 121:3 *He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.*

Psalm 143:8 *Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

Proverbs 29:25 *The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.*

Proverbs 30:5 *Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.*

Isaiah 26:3 *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*

Isaiah 41:10 *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*

Jeremiah 17:7-8 *Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.*

Nahum 1:7 *The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.*

2 Timothy 2:13 *If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*

Choose a few of the verses above and briefly share how they apply to you personally.

2. Describe what it means to you to *trust* God.

Surrender

Carefully consider the words of **James 1:22-25**, *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

This man looked at himself, but quickly forgot and became a *forgetful hearer* rather than a *doer of the Word*. It is the *doer* that is *blessed*.

1. Reflect upon these verses describing God's call to you to surrender your journey and all of your personally acquired equipment (good or bad).

Psalm 19:14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.*

Psalm 69:30-32 *I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, which has horns and hooves. The humble shall see this and be glad; and you who seek God, your hearts shall live.*

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Philippians 1:20 *according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*

A Clean Slate

The ultimate goal of these lessons has been for you to live a life in which you can declare as Paul did in **Philippians 1:20**, *according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*

Do you desire to have nothing undealt with in your life that has provoked you to make choices to live short of what God has for you whether it be because you held back good or held onto bad? Are you living a life of "less than"?

What are your thoughts?

Prayer Time

1. Set aside time to sit before the LORD and reflect upon these last three lessons as it relates to your life's journey. Share with Him your readiness to trade your weight(s) for His promises and to run in His plan for you.
2. Share your conclusions/commitment as you close this three-part study.
3. Are you ready to begin a new way of journeying with the LORD?

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- Philippians 1:9-11