# "Promises" (2)

"...[God] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." (2 Peter 1:4)

#### **Promise of Provision**

Genesis 22:13-14 – (13) "And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. (14) So Abraham called the name of that place, 'The LORD will provide'; <u>as it is said to this day</u>, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'"

<u>Luke 12:32</u> – "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

<u>Philippians 4:19</u> – "And my God will supply <u>every need</u> of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

## Key Point: I can count on God's riches for my provision

## **BUT...**

Numbers 11:21-23 – (21) "But Moses said, 'The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and you have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!' (22) Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?' (23) And the LORD said to Moses, 'Is the LORD's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.'"

#### **Vital Supply...**

<u>Luke 11:9-13</u> – (9) "And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (10) For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (11) What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; (12) or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? (13) <u>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"</u>

<u>Galatians 3:5</u> – "Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith"

#### ... & Everything Else

Matthew 6:25-32 — (25) "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? (26) Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? (27) And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? (28) And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, (29) yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (30) But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? (31) Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' (32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all."

<u>Psalm 37:18-19</u> – (18) "The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever; (19) they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance."

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message? What is the greatest gift God provided for humanity? (John 14:16-17) Do I tend to worry about provision? (Prov. 3:5-6; Phil. 4:6-7)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)