

Our Needs Supplied from God's Infinite Storehouse

Sermon 22 in the Philippians Series

Philippians 4:14-23

Intro: Philippians 4:12-13

He proves his contentment – by thanking them for their kind generosity, and then telling them that he no longer needs their financial support!

I. Paul's Sincere Thanks for the Monetary Support 14-16

v. 16 -- NKJV and ESV “once and again (an idiom).

NET (New English Translation) “on more than one occasion you sent something for my need.

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Paul ended up in Corinth where he stayed for 18 months. (Acts 16-18) 18:11.
2 Corinthians 11:7-9 – Paul refused to be supported by the Corinthians.

II. Paul Promises them a Blessing 17-19

v. 17 – Not that I desire a gift – but I seek fruit for your account.

v. 18 – Paul likens their gifts to the burnt offerings that were made in the Tabernacle and later in the Jewish Temple.

Sweet-smelling **AND** Acceptable
An acceptable sacrifice – well pleasing to God.
Paul uses similar language in **Romans 12:1** – “present your bodies a living **sacrifice**, holy, **acceptable** to God,”

Peter talks about Christians as “a holy priesthood, to offer up Spiritual **sacrifices acceptable** to God through Jesus Christ.”

v. 19 – It is our needs that are supplied – not our wants.

God has unlimited resources.

This passage was intended to encourage the Philippian believers – and to encourage all the saints in all the ages that God can and does provide all that is needed for our true contentment – as long as we are willing to be content.

III. The Doxology 20

How do we see God most glorified?
Through Jesus Christ! **2:9-11**

IV. Farewell 21-23

There is a natural love that Christians have for one another.
One body of Christ. One family.

There is that tantalizing phrase “especially of Caesar’s household”. (v. 22).

This can be translated as part of the royal family – but it can also mean anyone in the emperor’s royal service.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit”.

It opened with Christ – 1:1 – Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ.

It ends with Jesus Christ.

And throughout – Jesus Christ is Lord is powerfully proclaimed!