

## God's Provision for All of My Needs

Philippians 4:14-20

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### Context:

Notice the common themes mentioned in Philippians 1:3-11 to 4:10-20.

“God our Father” 1:2; 4:20

“I thank my God” 1:3; “And my God will supply all your needs...” 4:19

“in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now” 1:5 & 4:15-16

In today's text we will see one of the most beloved promises in Scripture.

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Before we get to verse 19 though, let's look at what Paul said the Philippians as he commended them for their faithful support of his ministry in the gospel.

### Paul's Gratitude & Commendation for the Philippians' Faithful & Generous Financial Support

Verse 14 picks up the flow of thought started in verses 10-13.

**<sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction.**

“to share with me” – see 1:5, 7; 2:1; 3:10; 4:15

“affliction”- “pressure used of narrow places that hem one in; internal pressure that causes one to feel confined, restricted without options and no way of escape.” “Distress brought about by outward circumstances.”

Persecution – Acts 11:19; tribulation – Romans 5:3; 12:12; affliction 2 Corinthians 1:4, 8; 2:4; distress Philippians 1:17

They “shared in” Paul’s affliction by their loving concern for Paul in his current situation. This concern was expressed by their sending Epaphroditus to him with a financial gift.

**They Had Supported Paul from His Time at Philippi (vv. 15-16)**

**15You yourselves also know, Philippians,**

(2 Corinthians 6:11 – “Corinthians” & Galatians 3:1 “Galatians”)

**that at the first preaching of the gospel,**

Philippians 1:5 “in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.”

**after I left Macedonia,**

Acts 16-17;

**no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;**

Acts 18:5

2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 11:8-9

Paul uses commercial terms to describe the Philippians giving.

“shared with me” – partnership

“matter” the same word used in v. 17 translated “account”

“giving and receiving” refer to monetary transactions on 2 sides of a ledger (debits and receipts)

**<sup>16</sup>for even in Thessalonica you sent a *gift* more than once for my needs.**

Thessalonica – Acts 17:1-9

“more than once” (literally “once and twice”) here and in 1 Thessalonians 2:18 it has the idea of “more than once.”

### **Paul Clarifies His Intentions (v. 17-18)**

**<sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.**

(see verse 11, “Not that I speak from want.”)

Paul main concern is the benefit that comes to the Philippians for their thoughtful generosity.

“profit” (literally, “fruit”)

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup>for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

“increases” – “to have more than enough,” to abound”

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

**<sup>18</sup>But**

**I have received everything in full and**

“paid in full”

**have an abundance;**

“to be over and above, to abound”

**I am amply supplied,**

“to make full, to fill up”

**having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent,**

Philippians 2:25-30

### **Transition from Commercial Imagery to Sacrificial Imagery**

**a fragrant aroma,**

Genesis 8:21; Exodus 29:18, 25, 41; Leviticus 1:9, 13, 17

Ephesians 5:2; 2 Corinthians 2:15

**an acceptable sacrifice,**

Philippians 2:17

Psalms 50:8; 51:17

**well-pleasing to God.**

Romans 12:1-2

1 Peter 2:5

Hebrews 13:15-16

### **The Promise of Provision (v. 19)**

**The Provider**

**<sup>19</sup>And my God**

Philippians 1:3 “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.”

Similar to Psalm 23:1 “The LORD is my Shepherd.”

**The Promise**

**will supply all your needs**

**The Resources**

**according to His riches**

not “out of” but “in accordance with” His riches

**in glory**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Ephesians 1:3

**in Christ Jesus.**

All the Christian’s blessings come to Him in and through Christ Jesus.

**Doxology** –

**<sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father**

**be the glory** – recognizing and ascribing the honor and praise that is due to God because of who He is and what He has done.

Romans 11:33-36

Palms 29:2; 96:8 “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name.”

**forever and ever. Amen.**

“into the ages of ages”

“Amen” Psalms. 41:13; 72:19; 89:52; 106:48

**Application:**

God will provide for all the Christian's needs.

God provides for the needs of His Church through the faithful generous giving of His people.