

Our Needs Are Already Provided For

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There is a way out of any situation: His name is Jesus. Our Lord had needs when He walked this earth giving His life in ministry to others. One time He was preparing to enter Jerusalem - you remember the story - how He sent two of His disciples ahead into the city.

He told them that in a certain place they would find a young colt, which no man had ever ridden. They were to untie the colt and bring it back to Him. If anybody asked what they were doing taking the animal, they were to answer, "...the Lord hath need of him..." (Mark 11:3).

So we see from this statement that Jesus did have needs. But was His mind centered on His needs? Does God in heaven spend His time pondering and worrying over the needs of His children, His Church, or the world?

What has the Lord said to us about our needs? Has He just told us to "grin and bear it" until we "all get to heaven" where we won't have any more needs? Or, has He indicated that there is an answer to our needs, here and now?

I remember when Brother Kenneth Copeland first came to my hometown and began preaching the message which was to revolutionize my life. It was brand new to me then. I had never heard anything like it. But I believed it, and I wanted to know more about it.

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Some time later, I was talking with Brother Copeland and I told him: "I believe your message, and I'm doing all I know to do to put it into practice in my life. I understand how some things work in the Kingdom of God. I understand how healing comes, and all of that. But there is one thing I don't understand: I just don't know how you talk God into meeting your needs."

I will never forget what Brother Copeland told me that day. He said: "Jerry, God has already done all He is going to do about your needs."

"You're kidding!" I answered. "He's not going to leave me in this mess, is He?"

That was not what Brother Copeland meant. He wasn't saying that God was not going to do anything about my situation. What he meant was that God had already done everything necessary to meet my every need.

Jesus does not have to hang on the cross and die, over and over again, every time somebody needs to be saved. God has already met the need for salvation of all mankind, forever. He is just waiting for each individual person to receive by faith what He has already provided by grace.

The same is true of all our physical and material needs. God has already made provision for our salvation from poverty, lack and want, just as He has already made provision for our salvation from sin and death.

This provision was paid for by the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of our Lord and

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Savior, Jesus Christ, Who now sits at the right hand of the throne of God where ...he ever liveth to make intercession for (us)... (Heb. 7:25). But the actual terms of this provision were spelled out long ago in the Old Testament.

God's Provision for Meeting Needs

What about supplying those needs? It is fine to say that God knows what we need before we ask, and that He is willing to provide what we need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, but how do we get Him to do what He says He is willing to do?

Think about this for a moment: if we are not to waste God's time nor ours talking about our needs, what are we to talk to the Lord about?

I believe you know the answer already. The Lord is saying, "Now that we've got your needs out of the way, let's talk about seeds." Now that is a subject that our heavenly Father will discuss all day long.

You see, God is not need-oriented, He is seed-oriented. I kept telling God about my need and He kept talking to me about my seed. I wanted to focus on what I did not have, God wanted to focus on what I did have. That's the way God always works.

In Ephesians 4:28 Paul writes: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." So here is the primary reason you and I are to work - so that we will have seed to sow.

When most people want to know what your profession is, they will ask, "What do you do for a living?" God doesn't consider your labor something you do for a living. God says that we don't work for a living, we work for a giving.

Can you imagine being blessed so abundantly, being so prosperous, so plenteous in goods, that your entire wage or salary was seed to be invested in the lives of others?

The point I am making is that God is not need-conscious; He is seed-conscious. When God had "needs" of His own, He fulfilled those needs by giving. He "needed" the redemption of mankind; He "needed" a family. So what did He do? He planted a seed; He gave Jesus.

Our Lord told us plainly, "...Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). God sowed His "Seed," His only Son Jesus, into the earth, and reaped in return a harvest of sons and daughters.

He planted the best seed heaven had to offer, not worthless seed. He didn't look for some old, decrepit, worn-out angel to use as seed, someone who was no longer needed. No, He chose and planted the very best He had. And He reaped the best of all harvests, human souls. The Lord got that family He wanted - us!

God is seed-conscious. So He's not going to talk to us very long about our needs, as real and vital as they may be. After all, He knows all about them before we ask. Instead He has made

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provision for the meeting of every last one of our needs. He invites us to come boldly to His throne of grace to obtain mercy and to find grace in our time of need. As we do, He will talk to us about seed.

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