

1. LifeLines on 5/8 will be Isaiah 54:15.
2. We'll meet until 5/22; resume 6/5 – 6/26; break for July & August, & resume September 11, after Labor Day.
3. Invite a friend to join you next week!

## LifeLines May 1, 2023

### Today's Scripture: 1 Verse

#### Philippians 4:19

**And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**

### WHY WE'RE HERE

2 Timothy 3:16-17, All scripture is inspired by God & is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, & for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

### CONTEXT

This verse is often misused. Paul is addressing the Philippians, thanking them for their generous support of his ministry. Paul isn't promising that God will make us wealthy or healthy simply by giving financially to the church. This is not promoting a prosperity gospel. This verse does not mean that believers will never experience times of need. It says God's faithful servants will be supplied with what they need to continue to serve.

The Philippians were a poor community, yet out of their poverty, they gave a financial gift to Paul. They did this because they were spiritually invested in the gospel & the ministry Paul was doing in Rome. They gave because they wanted to enable Paul to reach more potential believers. Paul *knew* that everything he truly needed came from God – his strength, endurance & provision of all kinds.

Because of their limited financial resources to meet their own needs, Paul wanted to assure them their efforts were not in vain. God would surely meet their needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. God promises that as we participate in the ministry of the gospel, we will be blessed. This is a

promise for spiritual provision which transcends our circumstances. This is what we will explore.

## **DIFFERENT VERSIONS** (Versions not listed are similar to the NRSV.)

### **AMP**

And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

### **CEB** (Contemporary English Bible)

And my God will meet your every need out of His riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus.

### **CEV** (Contemporary English Version)

I pray that God will take care of all your needs with the wonderful blessings that come from Christ Jesus!

### **CJB** (Complete Jewish Bible)

Moreover, my God will fill every need of yours according to His glorious wealth, in union with the Messiah Yeshua.

### **ERV** (Easy-to-Read Version)

My God will use His glorious riches to give you everything you need. He will do this through Christ Jesus.

### **GNT**

And with all His abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs.

### **GW**

My God will richly fill your every need in a glorious way through Christ Jesus.

### **MSG**

And now I have it all - & keep getting more! The gifts you sent with Epaphroditis were more than enough, like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God to no end. You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, His generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Our God & Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity. Yes.

NCV (New Century Version)

My God will use His wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need.

NIV

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

NLT (New Living Translation)

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

TLB

And it is He who will supply all your needs from His riches in glory because of what Christ Jesus has done for us.

**SELAH**

## **BREAKING DOWN THE VERSE**

*And my God will...* This is a given. God can be trusted. He withholds no good gift from His children. God will never forsake those who seek Him.

*fully...* Completely – leaving nothing unaddressed.

*satisfy...* God quenches, satisfies, meets, takes care of & addresses our needs.

*every...* God leaves nothing out – if we have a desire, wish, want that is not in-line with His desire for us, He will bring *our heart's desires* in line with *His desires* for us. It is these needs & desires He will provide. His will is always *for* our good, not *against* our good. It is through Christ that God's gifts come to us.

*need of yours...* We know the difference between wants & needs, & the difference needs to be remembered as we study this verse. God's perspective of what we need has *eternity* in view. These are the eternal blessings that are ours *in Him*.

*according to His riches in glory...* It is true riches that should guide & hold sway over us. Glorious riches in Christ Jesus are what come into our lives when we allow Him to be the controlling center of our lives. God possesses riches *of glory*. His glory *is rich!* True riches are the things money can't buy.

*in Christ Jesus...* It is because of Jesus, through Jesus, that God has willingly become our "supplier." Through Jesus, all things were made, & He is our provider.

## **SELAH**

**RELATED VERSES** (Add other related verses as you think of them.)

Nehemiah 9:15, For their hunger You gave them bread from heaven, & for their thirst You brought water for them out of the rock, & You told them to go in to possess the land that You swore to give them.

Psalm 18:29, By You I can crush a troop, & by my God I can leap over a wall.

Psalm 23:1, The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Psalm 24:1, The earth is the Lord's & all that is in it, the world, & those who live in it.

Psalm 37:4, Take delight in the Lord, & He will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 84:11, For the Lord God is a sun & shield; He bestows favor & honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Psalm 103:13, As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.

Isaiah 58:11a, The Lord will guide you continually, & satisfy your needs in parched places,

Matthew 6:31-32, Therefore do not worry, saying 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things.

Matthew 7:11, If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask?

John 1:3a, All things came into being through Him, & without Him not one thing came into being.

John 10:10, The thief comes only to steal & kill & destroy. I came that they may have life, & have it abundantly.

Romans 2:4, Or do you despise the riches of His kindness & forbearance & patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Romans 11:33a, O the depth of the riches & wisdom & knowledge of God!

Romans 8:18, I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:32, He who did not withhold His own Son, but gave Him up for all of us, will He not with Him also give us everything else?

2 Corinthians 4:17, For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure.

2 Corinthians 5:21, For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 9:8, And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11, He who supplies seed to the sower & bread for food will supply & multiply your seed for sowing & increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

Ephesians 1:3, Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:18, So that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints,

Ephesians 2:7, So that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:20, But our citizenship is in heaven, & it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:12-14, I know what it is to have little, & I know what it is to have plenty. In any & all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed & of going hungry, of having plenty & of going in need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

1 Timothy 6:17, As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

James 1:17, Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

2 Peter 1:10-11, Therefore, brothers & sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call & election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

## **SUMMARY**

In what circumstances is this verse reassuring or comforting?

What are other examples of the glorious riches in Christ Jesus we experience now or can anticipate enjoying in eternity?

Think of the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control. Add to these hope, strength, perseverance, endurance, character & more. Are these true riches? Can we purchase them? From where do they come? These are

examples of our needs to survive, thrive, please God & have the abundant life Jesus died to give us.

## CONCLUSION

With Jesus as our provider, we will never lack. God, His Father & ours, is infinitely wealthy (“We are children of God, & if children, then heirs, heirs of God & joint heirs with Christ,” Romans 8:16a-17a). He will never run out of resources. His supply of all things is endless, & *He knows what we need!*

Our concept of “need” must be determined according to *God’s will & His interpretation* of what our needs truly are. He knows we need whatever allows us to have access to Him. This includes the abundant life Jesus died for us to have, a life of super-abundance, not lack. God wants our lives to abound in fullness, & He blesses those who use the resources they’ve been given according to *His purposes & desires*.

God wants us to recognize our need for Him, to be filled with Him & His Spirit. He wants our lives to abound in joy (“The joy of the Lord is my strength,” Nehemiah 8:10). He knows we need strength of spirit, soul & body, things that can *only* be found in Him. He knows we need to appreciate & give thanks for the fullness in our lives & the abundance we too often look past.

God knew that in order for *us* to have the perfect relationship with *Him*, we couldn’t be in a position to be “condemned.” He needed us to be holy enough to approach Him as our Father. The Trinity made this possible through the life, death & resurrection of His own Son. (“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,” Romans 8:1.)

All these needs & more are met in our Savior, the Messiah, the Christ. God loves us so much that He promised full satisfaction of *all* our needs *according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus!*

Why?

Because He *is* Love;

Because He loves us;

Because He gave His Son for us;

Because He can;

Because He thinks we’re worth it –

Because we are the righteousness of  
God, *in Christ!*

Thanks be to God!

Let this verse be a *LifeLine* for you!

Let's Continue Learning!

**SCRIPTURE IS OUR –**

***LifeLine!***

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