

God's Provision

How to Flourish in Chaos

I. People Following God's Plan

Deuteronomy 6:1–25 (NIV84®)

¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land

- ❖ **you are crossing the Jordan to possess,**
- ❖ **be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly**
- ❖ **just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.**
- ❖ ⁵ Love the LORD your God **with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.**
- ❖ ⁷ **Impress them on your children.**
- ❖ ¹² **be careful that you do not forget the LORD**
- ❖ ¹³ **Fear the LORD your God, serve him only**
- ❖ ¹⁴ **Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you;**
- ❖ **a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land**
- ❖ ¹⁸ **Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight**
- ❖ **you may go in and take over the good land that the LORD promised**
- ❖ ¹⁹ **thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the LORD said.**
- ❖ ²³ But **he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised**
- ❖ ²⁴ **The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God,**
- ❖ ²⁵ **And if we are careful to obey**

Romans 8:35, 37 (NIV84®)

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

1 Corinthians 15:30 (NIV84®)

And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour?

Romans 16:7 (NIV84®)

Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

2 Timothy 2:3 (NIV84®)

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

II. God's Plan for Us

2 Peter 1:3–4 (NIV84®)

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

A. Two Things Stated in "Perfect Tense"

1. "...has given us everything we need for life & godliness"
2. "...He has given us his very great & gracious promises"

God's provision is in His promises!
The promises are our inheritance!

B. The Ultimate Promise

Joshua 1:8–9 (NIV84®)

⁸“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Summary of the Conditions: Think God’s Law, Speak God’s Law & Act God’s Law

C. New Testament Passage with Requirements for Salvation

Romans 10:8–10 (NIV84®)

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

James 2:17 (NIV84®)

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

III. The Problem of Sin — How can we be sure God will forgive us?

1 Kings 8:46 (NIV84®)

“When they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin...”

Isaiah 53:6 (NIV84®)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...

A. In the New Testament

Romans 3:23 (NIV84®)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

B. The Prognosis of Sin — The Course of Sin

Romans 6:23 (NIV84®)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:13–15 (NIV84®)

¹³When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

C. The Burden of Sin

Psalms 32:3–5 (NIV84®)

³When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin...

D. God’s Promises of Forgiveness

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV84®)

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

1 John 1:9 (NIV84®)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.