

God's Provided Way and Provision

PSALM 23:1-6

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

54-0320 FAITH.COMETH.BY.HEARING_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

« E-38 † Now, Abraham, when he was called out of Chaldea, the city of Ur... **Who was Abraham? Just a man walking out there one day. Oh, I just love that. That just makes me feel good, when I think He... God's voice spoke to him and said, "Abraham, separate yourself from your people." Isn't it strange that God makes us separate ourselves?** Today the world wants mixers, is that right? But God wants separators. Yeah, the world says, "Oh, well, we don't want that old pastor. He's an old fogey. He don't believe in letting us do this, that, or the other. We want a young fellow, who--who's a mixer." But God wants separators. Separate yourself. The Holy Spirit said, "Separate Me, Paul and Barnabas." Separation... **And God called Abraham and separated him. Now, the only thing that he had to believe was God's Word. Faith cometh by hearing. All reason and sense knowledge had to pass away and he had to depend exactly on what "THUS SAITH THE LORD."**

Look. Abraham was seventy-five; Sarah was sixty-five. He said, "Abraham..." He was going to give him a child by Sarah. Now, Abraham couldn't say, "Now, let me see now. If there could be such a way, let me go down and ask the doctor if Sarah could renew her strength," and so forth like that. Why, he couldn't reason it out. But he based his faith on "THUS SAITH THE LORD."

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« 101 † **He promised his seed to be a stranger in a strange land, and be misjudged by the people, and they would sojourn, Abraham's seed, for four hundred years amongst strangers, strange people. And He fulfilled His Word just exactly what He said He would do. Abraham's seed did sojourn in Egypt four hundred years. He promised, also, to deliver them with a mighty hand. A strong hand, He would deliver the people out of the Egyptian bondage. And He kept His Word. Look what He had to do to get them children down in Egypt. It looked like disaster had befall, was befalling, and everything.**

102 Looked like that it... it was horrible for Joseph to be considered dead, and poor Isaac... or Jacob, his father. Or Isaac, his father... rather, to Jacob, that was, Isaac was his grandfather. Jacob, his father, to believe that his own son had been killed by animals. How hard it was on little Joseph to know that the poor little fellow, away from his people, betrayed by his brethren, throwed into a ditch, supposingly to be dead, sheep blood put upon his coat, where, they had slayed a lamb to eat it, put the blood upon it and took it to his father, and knowing all this. **But Joseph could remember one thing, that the hand of the Lord was upon him. He knew that he was a believer. No matter how much his brothers turned him out, how much there was no cooperation or nothing else, Joseph knew God would keep His Word. When he saw that vision of all of them bowing before him, he knowed that had to come to pass because it was THUS SAITH THE LORD. Amen. Don't care how unreasonable it seemed, Joseph knew it was the truth. No matter how hard the task**

was, and what he had to go through with, he knowed someday every one of them would bow before his feet. How is he going to do it when they hated him? But he knowed God would prove His Word so, every time.

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« 103 † So will He do it today! God will prove His Word so, no matter what science says, "It can't be done." How educated, intellectual we get, how the churches have gone off into a--a bunch of formality and so forth, God will still prove His Word "right." Rest yourself right in that Word.

« 104 † Yes, Joseph had much to go through, but, to go down into Egypt, but God brought him out just exactly like He said; a very beautiful type of today, if we had time to go into it. I believe we have, before, here at the tabernacle, went through it. But God kept His Word, 'cause, they had to stay down there. It was hard for those Hebrew children down there in Egyptian bondage, which had been blessed and given the fruit of the land, the best place, Goshen, to find out that they had to become slaves; and those mothers to have to give into the hands of an Egyptian soldier, the fruit of their womb, their darling little baby, and see him stand there, take a big knife and just cut it open and throw it over on the ground, feed it to the gators. Now, it was a hard thing to them, to have to go through that.

105 **But one day the predestinated seed was born, a child that was a proper child. There was something about him seemed strange. Out on the back side of the desert, one day, the Holy Ghost came down in the form of a Pillar of Fire and settled in a bush, and said, "I have heard the groans of My people, and I remember My promise. And the time of deliverance is at hand, and I'm sending you down there to do it." With a stick in his hand, his wife on a mule, a baby in her lap, he did it by the power of Almighty God. The most ridiculous thing, what would--what would a crooked stick be to ten thousand spears? But, you see, God is in it. It depends on where His Word is. Moses had His Word, Pharaoh had spears. Moses had the Word.**

GENESIS 45:1-11

1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

59-0708M DEDICATION.OF.BUILDING.TO.THE.LORD_ CLEVELAND.TN WEDNESDAY_

« E-41 † **And David desired to build Him a house. But that night God seen the motive of the prophet, seen the motive of the king and their objectives. He said, "Go, tell My servant, David, Who was he? I took him out of the shepcote from following a few sheep." What did He take you people from? "And I made him a name, like great names."**

When the Lord showed me that one day, I thought, "O God, what could I be?" A poor little preacher back there, never knowed no more than Jeffersonville. And one day by my cave, the Lord turned that to me, and the first time I'd ever read it, said, "I'd give you a great name like Oral Roberts, or--or Billy Graham, or some of them. Where'd I get you from? What was you?"

« E-42 † **"But I just can't let you build a Temple, because I'm going to let your son build it." For it was in types and shadows. Solomon built Him a temple. But the true Son of David is Jesus Christ, that built the real Temple, that was borned a virgin birth. And in His Body is the everlasting Temple of God. But in types and in dedication, Solomon built the temple. Remember, it was cut out of every different kind of stone. It was cut this way and that way. And for forty years in its structure, there was not heard the buzz of a saw or the pounding of a hammer. It was so perfectly cut out.**

I CHRONICLES 29:19

» 19 † And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

» 14 † That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
» 15 † But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
» 16 † From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

COLOSSIANS 2:19

» 19 † And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

60-0709 GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.OF.APPROACH.TO.FELLOWSHIP_ KLAMATH.FALLS.OR SATURDAY_

« E-30 † And did you notice? As soon as man fall--finds that he is fallen, and he is a sinner by nature, he tries to make himself a way to approach God; make hisself a religion. "Well, I don't do no man no harm. And I feel I'm just about as good as the other man; I keep the Golden Rule."

That wasn't God's program. In order to restore fellowship again, God made a provision right there in the garden. If there would've been any other provision better, God would've made it. But God made the only provision, and the only basis of restoration

to that blessed, eternal fellowship; that was through the blood of an innocent victim. God made a way back to fellowship. That's the only basis that God ever had, or has now, or ever will have, back to a relationship and fellowship with God is through the shed blood of an innocent victim. Amen. Makes me feel religious, knowing that there is a way, that there is a God provided way.

« E-31 † **And what made God provide this way? Because God is love, and love demands fellowship.**

Love demands fellowship, like the young boy when he meets the--the young lady. And oh, she's got eyes like diamonds, and she's got teeth like pearls, and a neck like the swan, and oh, she's the prettiest thing in the world.

Now, you just can't go up and say, "You're mine; here we go." There's got to be some kind of an agreement. Some kind of an agreement has to be reached, before you can enter into fellowship with this young lady.

You have to come to an agreement. And that's the way when we see God and know that He is God. We look at His creation and His great Being, what He's done and how great He is. Then there has to...

We have to come upon the basis of God's agreement. And that was by the way of the Blood; that's the only way.

55-1009 THE.WAY.TO.HAVE.FELLOWSHIP_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-24 † That's what makes a mother would die for her baby. Why? That's what makes a father would give his life for his wife. A husband, a true husband would give his life for his wife. Why? Because Christ gave His Life for the Church, His Wife. It's a strain in you. And it'd make a mother dash through a burning fire, not thinking about her own self, and her hair on fire, and her clothes on fire, to grab her baby, and run out with it. Why? It's love of a parent. And God is the first and original Parent. And there's where that strain comes through. Because the woman gave birth to the child.

And that's the reason God come down, manifested in the flesh, and went to the very flames, the hottest of suffering, that He might bring us into fellowship with Him, taking no thought of His own. "Not My will, Thine be done." How that wonderful fellowship that we have with each other and with God...

« E-25 † **Now, God intended this fellowship. So what separated, what keeps man from having that direct talk like Adam did?**

I've often thought that Adam out in the garden of Eden, knowing no sin, or Eve his wife, beautiful, standing in the garden... And then Leo the lion would come up, and here comes the tiger, the great beast of the--of the fields come up into this cathedral, kneeling on their knees, and they... Even--even the beasts didn't have any killing about them, they... There was not no death nowhere.

The devil's what makes wild animals wants to hurt you. And if you can produce in your heart the right kind of a love towards the most horrible beast there is in the woods or the desert, that beast won't harm you. That's right. I know it by experience. But you can't pretend it. He knows whether you do or not. There's something about him that he knows it. But if you're really not afraid, I've never seen anything that would hurt you, no matter, a lion, whatever it might be, he will walk away from you. But if you run, or act like you're scared, or something, then you'll get killed. So you can't just make it up; you got to really know it in your heart that you're not afraid.

« E-26 † **That's the trouble with man tonight; that's what's the trouble with people tonight; you're scared. That's the biggest curse there is on the Full Gospel people, or any other people; is because they are afraid. God has made the provision, but you're afraid to take His Word for it. If you was--wasn't afraid tonight, why, you would take your healing by faith, and know that God promised it, and the thing would just go plumb away from you. Afraid, scared... And I've noticed it. And that's the**

reason I'm such a believer in healing. I know that if you can get away from that scare, and get love in its place, something's going to happen.

There's only two faculties that govern a human, and one of them is--is faith, which brings results; and the other is fear, which has no value in it at all. Faith is of God. Fear is of the devil. Fear makes you weary; fear makes you wonder. And if I was going to die in the morning, what good would it do me to get all stewed up about it? What if I was going to be electrocuted in the morning, and my life had to end tomorrow morning, what good would that do me to worry about it?

« E-27 † "Well," you say, "what good would it do to have faith?" Faith can sign my pardon, sure; there's value in faith. Don't be weary; don't be scared; don't be upset; just have faith and believe. And the only way you can have faith, you have to have love first, for love produces faith. For perfect love... Get it. Perfect love casts out all fear.

Wished I had time to tell you the experiences with wildlife, of what I've seen conquered by faith, by love. I told you the other night about the old opossum being sent up. I seen a vicious bull one day, was going to kill me. This is on record; I was a game warden at the time. I was going over the hill to pray for a sick man. And we're supposed to pack a gun, but you wouldn't go to pray for a sick man with a gun on your hand. So I took the gun and laid it in the little old truck, and crossed over through the field. And I was way out in the field and I knew... I had a--ought to of thought that this killer bull was out there, he'd just killed a colored man on a farm, Mr. Burks, just about three months before that, and they sold him up there to the people that had these Durham cattle.