## GOD WILL PROVIDE

God Wants To Bless His People Materially

- I. They didn't have what they needed and Abraham said God will provide-Gn22:7-And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? Abraham said, My son, GOD WILL PROVIDE himself a lamb for a burnt offering...¹⁴And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh
  - A. Jehovah Jireh-Lit. The Lord will see to it; The Lord will provide
  - B. Say This-I'm going to have what we need God will see to it
- II. God reveals Himself as One who will provide material provision for His people Dt8:7-For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good (prosperity) land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; 8A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; <sup>9</sup>A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. 10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. 12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses (Dt6:11-To give thee houses full of all good things) and dwelt therein; 13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth
  - A. <u>Abraham-Gn24:35-The Lord hath blessed my master greatly</u>: and he is become great (CEV-Very rich): and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and donkeys.
  - B. <u>Isaac</u>-**Gn26:12-AC**-Isaac sowed seed in that land and received in the same year a hundred times as much as he had planted, and the Lord favored him with blessings. <sup>13</sup>And the man became great and gained more and more until he became very wealthy and distinguished.
  - C. <u>Jacob</u>-**Gn32:10**-I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands-**Gn30:43**-**AC**-The man increased and became exceedingly rich, and had many sheep and goats, and maidservants, menservants, camels, and donkeys
- III. God is highly interested in blessing His people with material resources-This a statement of truth based on who God revealed Himself to be in scripture
  - A. Many believe God doesn't care about blessing His people materially-Ignore scores of scripture; Couldn't convince Abraham He doesn't care; Where are the scriptures where God said He doesn't care about this?
  - B. You can't just make stuff up as you go-Many ignore scriptures and believe God doesn't care about material blessing because of John the Baptist's camel hair clothes or because they think Jesus didn't have a house
  - C. God hasn't changed-His will for His people used to be blessing and abundance so when did it/He change-Mal3:6-I am the Lord, I change not

- IV. How you see God affects what you can receive from Him; To receive material blessing from Him you have to see Him as The God who provides
  - A. One of the big hurdles in seeing God meet your needs materially is overcoming the idea that He isn't interested in taking care of His people materially-Many aren't receiving from Him materially because they don't believe He is this way
  - B. Men say God is different things-Mt16:13-Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? <sup>14</sup>And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. <sup>15</sup>He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
  - C. What He was able to do for them was affected by how they saw Him-It matters who you say He is because that affects what He will be able to be to you; They said He was a carpenter so they couldn't receive from His as a prophet-Mk6:3-Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. 4But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.