

GOD WILL PROVIDE

Seek First

- I. **If God's things are not first you are violating the foundational law of material prosperity-Mt6:25-Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? ²⁶Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are ye not much better than they? ²⁷Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? ²⁸And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ²⁹And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ³¹ Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ³²(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. ³³But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**
- A. Jesus is revealing The Faither as a trustworthy provider-He's endeavoring to stir them up that God will meet their needs; If He takes care of the birds and the lilies, He'll take care of you
- B. The way to see your needs met is not to seek after your needs being met, but to seek first the Kingdom of God-According to Jesus if you do that all your needs will be met and if you do they won't
- C. Your needs being met is not condition NOT automatic-1Ki17:10-When he (Elijah) came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. ¹¹And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. ¹²And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. ¹³And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. ¹⁴For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.¹⁵ And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.
- II. **Anytime you put your things ahead of God's you have set a law in motion that guarantees God will not be involved in meeting your needs-Hg1:2-Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. ³Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, ⁴Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? ⁵Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. ⁶Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there**

is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. ⁷Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. ⁸Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. ¹⁹...from this day will I bless you.

- A. Something they are doing is keeping their needs from being met
- B. When your priorities are out of whack, you will live in lack

III. We must honor The Lord with our substance if we want our needs to be met-
Pr3:9-Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

- A. We honor the Lord with our wealth by investing our money into His things-**Ma3:10**-Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- B. Honoring the Lord with our wealth starts with a tenth of our increase-
It continues with anything above that The Lord would have us do
- C. You can't avoid the principle of giving and see your needs met-There's your giving and God's response-**Pr3:9, Ma3:10, 2Co9:6**-But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully-**Pr11:25**-The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that waters shall be watered also himself