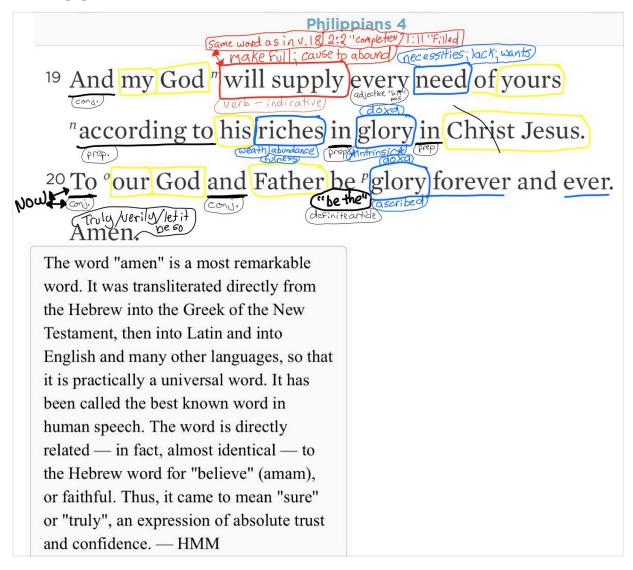
### GOD WILL SUPPLY YOUR EVERY NEED: Philippians 4:19-20



**BIG IDEA**: You can give generously because God has promised to supply your every need for His eternal glory!

# I. You can give generously because **EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS DONE TO THE SAINTS IS AN ACT DONE TO GOD HIMSELF (v. 19a)**

Philippians 4:19a "And my God will supply every need of yours"

 MATTHEW HENRY: "He shall do it, not only as your God, but as my God, who takes what is done to me as done to Himself."

- Q. Why does Paul say, "My God"?
- A. Because every act of generous kindness done to one the Lord's saints, is an act that the Lord regards as done to Himself.
  - Matthew 25:34,40 "The King [Jesus] will say to [His sheep], 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"
- CHILDREN: If you saw Jesus and He was thirsty what would you do? If Jesus needed money to travel to another town to preach the gospel, what would you do?
- Q. Do you believe Jesus in Matthew 25? Do you live like it?
- To some that is a rebuke; to some that is an encouragement! Some of you need to repent and begin being generous to Christ Himself in meeting the needs of others; some of you need to thank God for giving you a heart that loves to give to your Bleeding King.

#### II. You can give generously because GOD HAS PROMISED TO MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS (v. 19b)

Philippians 4:19b "And my God will supply every need of yours"

- MATTHEW HENRY: "[Paul is saying] 'You supplied my needs, according to your poverty; and [God] shall supply yours, according to His riches.'"
- Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."
- Proverbs 11:24 "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."
- Malachi 3:10b "And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if
  I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a
  blessing until there is no more need."
- I) Did THE LORD JESUS CHRIST withhold His precious blood from being spilt on your behalf? No! Then why fear that He will withhold daily bread?
  - The Lord who bled for your soul will give the bread you need for your mouth!
- II) In Christ, will God *THE FATHER* ever throw you out of His family? No! Then why fret that He would ever treat you like an enemy?
  - The Father who adopted you according to the riches of His grace will meet all your needs according to the wealth of His mercy!

- III) In Christ, will THE HOLY SPIRIT ever remove His seal that He placed on you as the down payment of your heavenly inheritance? No! Then why worry that He would ever remove what you need to glorify and enjoy God?
  - The Spirit who sealed you for the day of redemption will sanctify you so that you glorify and enjoy God no matter your circumstance!
  - He will not be in your debt; you cannot outgive the Lord of heaven and earth!
  - Luke 6:24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry."
  - CHILDREN: Can you give more than God?
  - Q. Do you know the love of God in Christ Jesus? Do you know that, in Christ, God is your loving Father?
  - Fear not, little children: God is more willing to meet your needs than you are to trust His providence.

## III. You can give generously because YOUR FATHER HAS A NEVER ENDING SUPPLY OF GLORIOUS WEALTH IN CHRIST JESUS (v. 19c)

Philippians 4:19c "according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

- Christ is the treasure; the Spirit is the treasury; the Father is the treasurer! Our Lord Jesus is the jewel; the Spirit, the jewelry box; our Father, the jeweler.
- Oh think of the glorious riches that have been given you in Christ Jesus! Think on that and let those gospel truths calm your fears when it comes to your everyday needs.
- I) Think of the riches of God's patient kindness toward you in Christ! He did not destroy you as you deserve but rather He lead you to repentance.
  - Romans 2:4 "Or do you presume on the <u>riches</u> of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?"
- II) Think of the riches His glory that God made known to you as a vessel of mercy! He prepared you beforehand for glory.
  - Romans 9:23 "[God made] known the riches of his glory [to] vessels
    of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—"
- III) Think of the riches of God's grace whereby you are redeemed and forgiven through the precious blood of

**Christ!** Jesus was voluntarily slain like a sinner so that you would be saluted as a saint through faith in Him.

- Ephesians 1:7 "In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace..."
- IV) Think of the immeasurable riches of grace that God has promised to show you forever in Christ! Dear saint, God saved you by grace so that He might show you his rich kindness for all eternity.
  - Ephesians 2:7 "so that in the coming ages [God] might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."
- V) Think of the riches of His glory whereby He will strengthen your inner being so that you may keep trusting and obeying Jesus in joy! Oh Christian, the rich sovereign has promised you redeeming strength.
  - Ephesians 3:16 "according to the riches of his glory he [shall] grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being..."
- VI) Think of the depth of the riches of God that He even employs on your behalf and worship Him by being generous like Him!
  - Romans 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"
  - CHILDREN: What does God own?
  - Q. Do you have faith in Jesus and access to the riches of God's glory in Him? You can!
  - God has bottomless vaults of riches in glory! The immeasurably rich
     King has promised you will never exhaust His royal treasury!

## IV. You can give generously because YOUR JOB IS TO GLORIFY GOD AND GOD'S JOB IS TO GLORIFY HIMSELF BY MEETING YOUR NEEDS (v. 20)

Philippians 4:20 "To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen."

 Matthew 6:31-33 "do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

**Q.** Will you say, "Amen" to that not only with your mouth but with your heart and hands?

**BARTHOLOMEW ASHWOOD:** "Most men are too tenacious of their interests to be dead to them. Closed hands argue cleaving hearts to the world. Alas, with what reluctancy do men that have the abundance of this world's goods lay them out again for God! How hard is it to draw any proportions of charity from them that have this world's goods?"

#### **MATTHEW HENRY:**

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The apostle concludes the epistle in these verses,

1 With praises to God: Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever, Amen, v. 20. Observe, (1.) God is to be considered by us as our Father: Now unto God and our Father. It is a great condescension and favour in God to own the relation of Father to sinners, and allow us to say to him, Our Father; and it is a title peculiar to the gospel dispensation. It is also a great privilege and encouragement to us to consider him as our Father, as one so nearly related and who bears so tender an affection towards us. We should look upon God, under all our weaknesses and fears, not as a tyrant or an enemy, but as a Father, who is disposed to pity us and help us. (2.) We must ascribe glory to God as a Father, the glory of his own excellence and of all his mercy unto us. We must thankfully own the receipt of all from him, and give the praise of all to him. And our praise must be constant and perpetual; it must be glory for ever and ever.

2. With salutations to his friends at Philippi: "Salute every saint in Christ Jesus (v. 21); give my hearty love to all the Christians in your parts." He desires remembrances not