God is My Provider

Level 4 Lesson 12

Teens

My God will never let us down. We never have to worry. We are only required to do our part!

The children of Israel were in big trouble with God! They had made God so angry with them for not doing what He said that He "sentenced" them to wander in the wilderness for forty years until all of those above twenty years old died off. But even in that situation, God provided for them!

*John 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*

*Psalms 78:24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat and had given them of the corn of heaven*.

It is so interesting how God provided for His children even when He was punishing them. They had a special food come down out of the sky every day. They were to only gather enough for that day, otherwise it would rot. But the exciting thing is that on the day before the Sabboth, He rained down enough manna for two days and the extra manna for the Sabboth did not mold. Then, when they were mumbling about the boring food, He showered them with quail until they were sick of it! Water would just come out of rocks!

*Deu 29:5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.*

How does this work???? In forty years???? You never outgrew your shoes? They

never wore out? Their clothes lasted that long?

Think about how boring their food, clothes, and life was during that time of

trouble. We are a very spoiled people.

*Joshua 5:12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna anymore; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.*

Finally, when the time of chastening was over, the children of Israel were presented farms and vineyards that were ready for them to eat the fruit without having to plant!!!

* **Comfort**

When your heart is hurting so much that you do not believe you can stand anymore heartache, God steps in and comforts us with a comfort that drugs, alcohol, or even people cannot provide!!! All we need to do is get full of the Holy Ghost, and rest in His arms until the storm passes.

*Joh\_14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.*

*Joh\_14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

*Joh\_15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

*Joh\_16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

It is amazing how you can be so troubled about life events, and when the Spirit of God comforts you; you can endure things you never dreamed you could endure.

* Help in a time of need.

When we were new Christians, we went to a young marrieds retreat in the mountains. We were not acquainted at that time with driving on ice. When leaving the camp there was a lot of ice on the curves. There were fellow campers before and behind us on the road. Suddenly, the car in front of us spun off the road and went into the ditch. At the same time a truck was coming toward us in the other lane. Our car went sideways on the road. There was a truck on our right and a rock wall on the left. There was not enough room for us to fit sideways between them!!!! We both screamed “Jesus” and the car straightened and shot through that narrow space between the truck and the rock wall. When we finally stopped, we looked back and another of our friends had wrecked as well. We knew that for some reason God spared us. It was God, and God alone that saved us!

* When the enemy comes in like a flood

Life seems to bring so many troubles into our lives. Our enemy knows when we are weak. If you are having trouble getting along with your parents, he will come and tempt you with things that are your weaknesses. So, that adds to your problems.

Sometimes, when you want to consecrate your life to God, the devil will try to scare you out of your vow to God.

Study of the Word of God will run off many spirits, but couple that with worship, and intense prayer and the enemy will flee.

* Provision Story

When we were just starting out living for God, we were poor. We had very little income. Thankfully, the saints of God helped us acquire clothes that were appropriate for Christians to wear. We had two little girls at that time. One day as I was dressing them for church, I just said aloud, "My girls sure do need new church shoes." I did not even think of it as a prayer. That morning a lady in the church came up to me and told me about her backslidden son, and her granddaughters. She was never able to see them, so she wanted to adopt my girls as her grandkids. She asked if she could take them home with her that afternoon. When they came to church that night, they both had brand new church shoes and new dollies. In a few days they received beautiful church dresses from that sweet new grandma of theirs. I was so shocked! I was new to this "God providing" thing. The church was so good to us. One day my husband and I decided to not ever lock our doors to our car, even though the church was not located in the best neighborhood. After almost every service we found something in our car that we really needed. Then when my husband got to work and we got on our feet financially, the gifts stopped coming! So, then it was our turn to start listening to God and start giving instead of

receiving!

* Activity

This is a wonderful time for a testimony service. Each student could tell a story about how God provided either for themselves or someone they know.