

## Living in the No-Lack Zone

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### Scripture References

Psalm 33:18, 19	1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, <i>MSG</i>
Psalm 33:18, 19, <i>MSG</i>	Psalm 34:9, 10, <i>NLT</i>
Psalm 37:18, 19, 25	Psalm 34:9, 10, <i>MSG</i>
Psalm 37:18, 19, <i>NLT</i>	Hosea 4:6
Deuteronomy 2:7	Joshua 18:2, 3
John 10:10	Deuteronomy 28:7
Luke 9:1-3	Exodus 12:13, 14
Luke 22:35, 36	Isaiah 54:17
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### Summary

*God has given us many promises, and one of those promises is abundant supply. He is our source for everything we need. However, many people try to get their needs met through a relationship with worldly principles, instead of through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus, believers will never have to fear not having enough. Christ is committed to taking care of us, and He always keeps His promise; this is something we can trust in completely. Believing this gives us peace, no matter the situation. When we remember all the times God has **already** provided for us and delivered us, we cannot help but worship, praise, and thank Him.*

#### **A. We can trust in God's promise to always provide what we need; He will keep His Word.**

1. God takes care of those who worship and respect Him, who hold Him in reverence and awe.
  - a. Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine (Psalm 33:18, 19).
  - b. Watch this: God's eye is on those who respect him, the ones who are looking for his love. He's ready to come to their rescue in bad times; in lean times he keeps body and soul together (Psalm 33:18, 19, *MSG*).
2. God will never let us down in lean times; He will make sure we have plenty of what we need. It is not His will that Christians suffer insufficiency; we simply must look to Him.
  - a. The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied (Psalm 37:18, 19).
  - b. Day by day the LORD takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever. They will not be disgraced in hard times; even in famine they will have more than enough (Psalm 37:18, 19, *NLT*).
3. For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing (Deuteronomy 2:7).

- a. God's nature is that of a provider. We must believe He is willing and able to provide for us better than anything or anyone else.
- b. God's character is not to steal, kill, or destroy, but to give us life, and give it more abundantly (John 10:10).

**B. God takes care of us in every situation. Therefore, we can live peaceable lives.**

1. It is God's nature to ensure there is no lack in the lives of those who rely on Him. When He is with us, it is impossible to lack for anything. It is imperative that we know that God—not the world—is our supply source.
  - a. Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece (Luke 9:1-3).
  - b. And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one (Luke 22:35, 36).
2. When we live in love and depend on God, we will not have to freeload off others. His will is not for us to be meddling busybodies, but to live respectful, respectable lives.
  - a. But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more. Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, *NLT*).
  - b. Regarding life together and getting along with each other, you don't need me to tell you what to do. You're *God*-taught in these matters. Just love one another! You're already good at it; your friends all over the province of Macedonia are the evidence. Keep it up; get better and better at it. Stay calm; mind your own business; do your own job. You've heard all this from us before, but a reminder never hurts. We want you living in a way that will command the respect of outsiders, not lying around sponging off your friends (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, *MSG*).
3. When something happens, we must go to God right away; He should be our first priority, not our last option.
  - a. Fear the LORD, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing (Psalm 34:9, 10, *NLT*).
  - b. Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness. Young lions on the prowl get hungry, but GOD-seekers are full of God (Psalm 34:9, 10, *MSG*).

**C. What we do not know can hurt us. We must understand what is available to us.**

1. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children (Hosea 4:6).

- a. It is impossible to have faith in something we don't know about. We cannot take possession of what God has provided if we lack the knowledge of what is available to us.
- b. What we do not know will hold us back; we must know that God is our supply house.
- 2. And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you? (Joshua 18:2, 3).
  - a. All of our needs have already been met; we must not be slack in using our faith to possess our supply.
  - b. To be slack is to be slow to move and slow of heart to believe. As born-again believers, our testimony should be that we are quick to believe.

**D. God makes the same promises of deliverance to us that He made to the Israelites.**

- 1. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways (Deuteronomy 28:7).
  - a. Lack, insufficiency, and debt are enemies that oppress us by depriving us of the ability to determine our futures.
  - b. When we trust in God, we will never go hungry or be in lack.
  - c. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (Psalm 37:25).
- 2. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever (Exodus 12:13, 14).
  - a. To smite is to destroy with a quick, sharp blow. God promises to smite our lack the same way He did with the Egyptians. He provided for the children of Israel; He will provide for *us* as well.
  - b. When we hear others speak of lack and insufficiency, we must open our mouths and condemn that kind of talk.
  - c. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD (Isaiah 54:17).

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