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God's Ample Supply

*Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? (**Job 38:6–7**).*

One gets another glimpse of God's grandeur in the book of Job. We get an impression of what God is like and what he did before and after he created the world. There we find Job being challenged by God himself. Job had been uttering his understandable complaints, and the Lord answered him out of the whirlwind, asking Job where he was when He laid the foundations of the earth.

The passage above is a description of what was going on before the earth was created—God existing throughout eternity, the self-sufficiency of God to himself, this being of such grand proportions and such infinite complexity, and all his created beings with him. God's greatness in himself goes far beyond anything we can imagine. The earth is merely a tiny fragment of his vast creation.

As well, the first words of the Lord's Prayer call us to set our attention on God: "*Our Father who art in heaven*" (Matt. 6:9 ASV). Next comes the first request which follows logically: "Hallowed be thy name." When you pray for that, you're praying that God would be known for who he is. That his name would be cherished and loved. And this is for our sake because once you begin to have an impression of who God truly is, everything else is put into its proper perspective. When the bountiful sufficiency of God in himself and the glorious realm of his kingdom are continually brought before the mind, it puts everything else in its proper place and opens us to a life in which we find God more than capable of supplying everything we need.

Practice: *Paul certainly experienced this kind of life, and he drew from psalm-like language in describing his life to the Christians in Philippi as he responds to a monetary gift they sent him. In thanking him for their kindness he said: But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. (Philippians 4:10–11)*

This week focus your thoughts on the goodness of God. Seize every opportunity to speak about God's goodness among your friends. Keep your thoughts of the goodness of God present wherever you go.