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A Vision of Glory

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (4:19).

Notice Paul's statement of how God will supply their need—in conformity with his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. God's glory is where his riches are found. Glory refers to the brightly shining, radiant nature of God and the realm where he dwells. God's glory includes all the heavenly realms—the heavens and the earth that his word created. That is glory. This same glory was in Jesus, and a central part of his ministry was revealing that glory.

John summarized the significance of turning water into wine as the beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him" (John 2:11). In other words, the wine was a glimpse into the reality that Jesus was from another place—a beautiful place that shines with glorious splendor—the very presence of God. A place that, because of the infinite resources of God, knows no lack whatsoever.

As Paul promised the Philippian believers that God would supply all their needs. This is true for you as well. He will supply all your needs. All of them. No need left unmet. And you will find yourself exclaiming, in the words of the Twenty-Third Psalm, "My cup runs over" (v. 5). You will have more than enough! God does not have a shortage of anything you can think of. His "riches in glory" are endless. God is not stingy. He dwells in magnificent abundance and lovingly provides for our needs out of that abundance.

God is not worried that he is going to run out of something. God is beyond rich. He is overflowing with everything that is good and everything we need. He has so much that he will never run out of any of it. It is so very important to remember this when we are fretting over a perceived need. In such a time we may be tempted to think that maybe, just maybe, God is as stingy and small as we are. He is not. God loves to give. God loves to forgive. God loves to just gush forth with his goodness (John 4:14).

Practice: *Nothing so delights God as giving to anyone and everyone who will receive. "For God so loved the world that He gave . . ." (John 3:16).*

(Q) At the end of each day, rummage through the drawer of the day's activities. Look for the secretive ways God has blessed you, the availability of his presence in the moment, the gentleness of his touch, or his sheltering care in "the darkest valley." Let's learn to receive and unwrap those the gifts he gives.