

PRAYER

- Pray and thank God for the continuous provision of our essential needs (air, sunlight, rain, etc.).

- Intercede for a co-group member's most urgent need.

- Ask God to give your family members and friends a revelation of the gospel.



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Discovering God's Intended Design

In God's Provision
Week 4

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CONNECT

- What is the most useful gift you have ever received? Why?
- How did you show your gratitude to the giver of the most recent gift you received?
- Which one would you rather have, an expensive but not-so-useful gift, or an inexpensive but very useful gift? Why?

WORD

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:27,28

WHAT What does the Bible say?

As the bearer of God’s image, man is said to be the crown of God’s creation. More than that, man is blessed with a unique relationship that God Himself initiated. In His faithfulness and goodness, God has prepared provision for every possible need man may have.

- **God provided for our essential needs since the beginning.**

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. . . .”³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 1:29,31

When God created man on the sixth day, He had spent the first five days preparing everything that man would need to survive: sunlight, air, water, vegetation, and more. God provided all these for free, without man asking for them. And until today, God continues to provide us our basic needs regardless of our standing with Him (Matthew 5:45). What provision of God is available for all but is often taken for granted?

- **God provides for our needs as they come up.**

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:18

The need for a suitable helper came up for man but God first saw this. He then decisively provided for this need. This just shows that God is willing

to provide for our needs as these unfold over time. He is on the look out to provide. Recall an instance when you realized that God had already met your need ahead of time.

- **God provided for our greatest need.**

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

When man and woman fell into sin (Genesis 3), their relationship with God was severed and they were subject to sin’s consequences, as they justly deserved. However, even amidst their rebellion, God promised them a Savior (verse 15) who is to redeem mankind from their sins. This undeserved redemption was completed when Jesus died for man on the cross (John 3:16). What did Christ’s work on the cross restore in us?

SO WHAT What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- Read Matthew 5:44,45. What traits of God can you notice in verse 45?
- How do these traits motivate you to follow what is said in verse 44? Why?
- As we are now aware that God knows our needs, what can you learn from Philippians 4:6,7?

NOW WHAT How do I apply the Word to my life?

- How can you develop a grateful heart towards God this week? Discuss with a friend how God has blessed your lives for the past years.
- Pray for your loved ones’ needs and ask God how you can be a blessing to them.
- Use Romans 6:23 to tell others about the gospel this week.