

“The works of His hands are verity and judgment; ALL His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in Truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever: Holy and Reverend is His name.” Psalms 111:7-9 KJV



God's commandments are the blessings we pray for, but hardly follow. We moan and groan over our circumstances rather than simply obey. God blessed Adam and Eve on the sixth day. *“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.’* All provision for the task had been provided on the previous five days. Obedience was all that was required to partake of Creation's unlimited bounty. God's provision and providence lines the *“paths of righteousness.”* We need but stay on the right path for our daily needs to be met. You don't go to the dairy farm to buy gas for your car. *“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you.”* What you need may not be right where you are, but if you continue along the right path, you will surely find it, because God has already placed it there for you. We often stray just before God's bounty crosses our path, because we mistrust His commandments. Unbelief is the biggest obstacle to our provision! Our provision is perhaps one or two steps of obedience away, but surely there, nonetheless. If you've been faithful and supply is not apparent, *“Ask and ye shall receive. Ye have not, because ye ask not,”* but be cautious how and for what you ask. *“This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, He heareth us: Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”* Our lack is of our own doing whereas our supply is of God's doing. *“God shall supply ALL your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* That little three letter word “all” tells the whole story! You will obey if you trust. Disobedience is unbelief! If you trust the chair, you'll sit. If you trust God, you'll obey and you *“shall not want!”*

The LORD is my Shepherd, and I shall not want,
No matter what troubles or evils may taunt,
His commandments are sure, eternal, secure,
My life in His hand will forever endure! ~CGP

Unbelief increases lack while faith supplies total need. We must remember that we are a soul with a body and spirit. Just because your body lacks, is no indicator that God has forsaken you. Charles Spurgeon wrote,

“Many times Jesus and His people pull against one another in prayer. You bend your knee in prayer and say, 'Father, I will that Thy saints be with me where I am.' Christ says, 'Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.' Thus the disciple is at cross-purposes with his Lord. The soul cannot be in both places: the beloved one cannot be with Christ and with you too. Now, which pleader shall win the day?”

Will not heaven cure all ills? I don't want my mom back here suffering from cancer. I'm glad she's with Jesus! Do I miss her? Of course, but not for much longer!

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in ALL things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do ALL things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:11-13 KJV