



"The Del-Haven Vision"

"Without vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)

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"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" Phil.4:19

This all too familiar text communicates such great comfort and hope to all of God's needy children. Just to know that God, who knows all our needs before we ask, also, as is stated here, provides the means and the substance that is the requirement for supplying them. This, in turn, delivers to us two things: peace instead of anxiety; and, a genuine motivation to actively pray for the supply of our needs.

When Jesus revealed that God knows all our needs before we ask, He did not even imply that we, therefore, because that fact is true, do not need to ask for His provision of them. He is, on the contrary, encouraging us to worshipfully seek Him in our supplications for our needs with the understanding that He, as our God, already knows all too well exactly what our needs are. In fact, according to our text, He is the one who determines both: what our needs will be, and their supply. Our prayers, then, actually become a part of the accomplishment of His will in providing for all our needs.

This is one of the most often misunderstood aspects about the sovereignty of God over all of life in this fallen world. Too often it appears that many Christians miss the point of truly seeking after God, who knows all, and who has everything already worked out where the trials of this life are concerned. They wrongly conclude that because it is true that He is sovereign and in ruling control over all of life that they then do not need to seek Him in prayer for forgiveness of their fallen nature and the meeting of their daily needs, or His deliverance from some special stress creating circumstance. But, this kind of thinking is an egregious error of both judgment and understanding of what the will of the Lord is for true Christian living! The word of God declares the sovereignty of God in the gospel of the glory of Christ so as not to inhibit worshipfully seeking Him in prayer. Because the Lord has saved us from our sins is the very reason why we will and do continually worship Him in confessing that we are sinners in need of Him being mercifully propitious to us. This activity is, in fact, a demonstration that we truly have been justified by His grace. Because the Lord does know and understand all about our needs before we ask is the precise reason that we do confidently, and yet humbly, seek from Him the provision of all our need by Christ Jesus.

On the other hand, carnal reasoning and unbelief often do very quickly come to the surface when the oppressive trials of this life suddenly surround us. We get worried. We doubt. Sometimes we even feel like falling to pieces under the strain of what we are facing. But, there is in fact no reason for us to do so! Why? Because God is still in control...just as He always has been. Ps.50:15 proves to be true time and time again: *"Call on me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you will glorify me."*

Reckoning with this truth becomes the very platform of true spiritual growth. Peter exhorts us to *"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* 2Pe.3:18

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

A Season of Thankfulness

We thank and praise the Lord for the wonderful showing that He caused to take place at our annual Del-Haven Friendship Banquet. It is always so very encouraging when we once again get to see and fellowship with our dear friends in person. Thank you to all of you who took the time, made the journey, and attended our banquet program.

We also – all of us who are a part of Del-Haven – want to wish all of you a very blessed time on Thanksgiving Day. May the Lord Jesus Christ be totally glorified in your celebration of this event.



The New Lake

Dear ones, we are so excited about the fact that we are so close to the completion of the reconstruction of our lake. The finished project will prove to be a much better lake environment than we ever anticipated. I can't express it in words. We will have pictures posted on our website for you that have internet access, but the real way to gain a truer appreciation for the Lord's provision of a new lake for us is for you to hop in your car and come out and see for yourself...which we encourage you to do! Come and see for yourselves the physical answer to all our prayers. Praise the Name of the Lord!

Nevertheless, do not cease to pray with us – for us – because along with the completion of all these things there is the immediate reckoning with the payment of the bill to get them all done. We are facing the ominous pay off of right at \$80,000.00 for all that we have had to do (the pool, the water lines, and the lake). This was the amount of the credit line that was granted to us by the Commercial Bank of Oak Grove... and this appears to be the precise amount that it will have required in order to pay for all these things being done. Please pray that our God, who knows our need before we ask, will supply in accordance with His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. The timing for our having to face such a financial situation could not, it seems, be worse. However – nothing is too hard for our almighty Lord God. His coffers are always full, and He will deliver us, and we will glorify Him. Join with us, please, in worshipfully seeking Him in prayer for this urgent matter as a divine means for His accomplishing our deliverance from this debt.

“When you said to me, ‘Seek my face’, my heart said to you, ‘Your face, O Lord, will I seek’.”