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I live in a very large metropolitan city in the United States, where I am presented at times with different challenges or needs that arise in physical, mental, and spiritual categories. I may find myself asking, “Will I have enough...” and I complete the question in my mind with something that I need. Common needs that come to mind are financial resources to live in this area of the country, quiet time with God in this bustling metropolis, and energy to give to my family and my fellowship while I have a job and a commute that can be exhausting. In these situations, I quickly remind myself that God has always met my needs in the past, that He will meet them today, and that He will continue meeting them all of my future days. God never changes. He is our sufficiency yesterday, today, and tomorrow—in all categories of life.

God has always provided for His people, and He always will provide for His people, because He does not change. We see this clearly in Malachi 3:6, which states, “For I *am* the Lord, I change not...” I often remind myself of this truth by going to the numerous records in God’s Word that tell how He took care of His people in the past, no matter their age, season of life, or situation. In Exodus 14, God parted the Red Sea to save Moses and all the children of Israel. In I Samuel 17, God prepared the young man David to be strong enough in his believing to defeat Goliath. In Luke 1, God enabled Elisabeth, who was barren, to conceive by her husband, Zacharias; they were well advanced in years when she gave birth to John the Baptist. I can also reflect on my own life and see that God has always been faithful to be my sufficiency.

Just as God was faithful to provide in the past, He is faithful to provide today. His Word tells us that He will keep His promises and that we can trust Him to be our sufficiency.

Deuteronomy 7:9:

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him....

II Corinthians 3:4,5:

And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

God is willing and able to supply—both now and in the future.

Philippians 4:19:

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Regardless of the category of need, whether physical, mental, or spiritual, God's supply will be sufficient so that we may abound to every good work.

II Corinthians 9:8:

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

God is well equipped to be our sufficiency in every situation and category of life; He is able. This verse is a great promise to claim when we are faced with a need that looks very big. We can repeat II Corinthians 9:8 to ourselves to build up our confidence in God's willingness and ability to supply in any situation. Then we can search the Scriptures to find the Word that pertains to our specific situation and claim the promise with our believing action. God will honor our believing and diligence, because He is willing and able to supply.

God's ability to supply is unlimited, independent of conditions in the senses realm. Regardless of economic conditions, living environment, or facts that can seem overwhelming, we do not need to get anxious. Seemingly insurmountable challenges have been occurring in civilizations for generations, and God has always taken care of those who trust in Him as their sufficiency. We can trust God to lovingly provide because nothing surprises God—for Him there is nothing new under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9,10:

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

If we are ever tempted to be anxious about a situation, rather than focusing on what causes the anxiety, we can build up our confidence in God by focusing on this powerful truth: God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere present. No senses condition that we see, hear, smell, taste, or touch can lessen His ability. God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He established Himself to be our sufficiency from the beginning and has remained faithful to His commitment, regardless of any conditions in the senses realm.

God never changes. God was our sufficiency yesterday, He is our sufficiency today, and He will be our sufficiency tomorrow. There is no category of need nor any senses condition that is beyond God's ability to provide. He always has provided, He always does provide, and He always will provide. So, no matter what our need is, and no matter what the conditions may be, we don't need to get anxious and wonder, "Will I have enough?" Rather, let's go to God's Word and put in mind the powerful truths therein about God's sufficiency. Let's claim God's sufficiency today, tomorrow, and every day!

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