

**GOD
IS ALWAYS
ONE STEP
AHEAD**

2 KINGS 6:8-12

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8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

2 Kings 6:8-12 - continued

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

Introduction

A. Being one step ahead of a situation can avoid danger

Matthew 2;13

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Acts 9:24-25

24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

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B. God knows how to keep you one step ahead

2 Peter 2:9

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

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C. God has the means available to keep you one step ahead

Revelation 12:15-16

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

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D. God will stay one step ahead of us when we follow Him

Psalm 23:2-3

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

I. God's Plan Is Perfect

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

I. God's Plan Is Perfect

A. He knows the end from the beginning

Isaiah 46:9-10

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

God's eternal perspective ensures His plans will prevail

I. God's Plan Is Perfect

B. He guides us on His right path

1. When we lean on Him

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

2. When we listen to Him

Isaiah 30:21

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

I. God's Plan Is Perfect

C. His plans are beyond our understanding

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

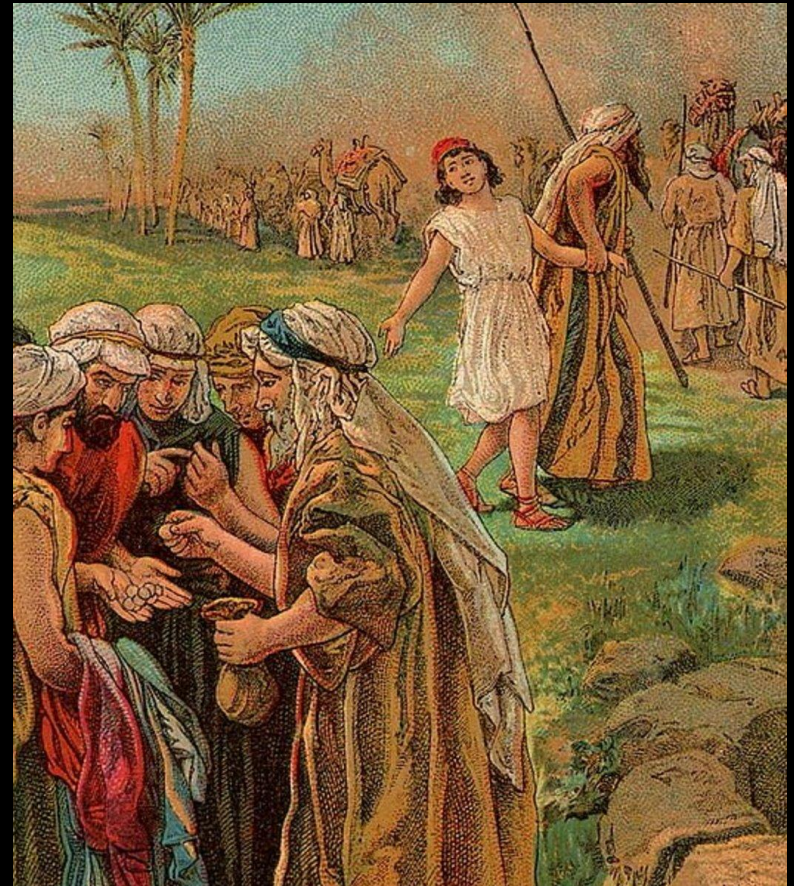
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours

I. God's Plan Is Perfect

Genesis 50:20

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.



II. God's Timing Is Perfect

Ecclesiastes 3:1

**To every thing there is a season, and a time to every
purpose under the heaven:**

II. God's Timing Is Perfect

A. He acts at just the right time

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

God's timing is always beautiful and appropriate

II. God's Timing Is Perfect

B. He provides strength in waiting

1. Inner strength

Psalm 27:14

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

2. Outer strength

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Waiting on God gives and renews our strength

II. God's Timing Is Perfect

Genesis 21:1-2

1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.



II. God's Timing Is Perfect

C. He sent Jesus at the right time

Galatians 4:4-5

**4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

**Christ's coming was perfectly timed in history for
redemption**

Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

III. God's Provision Is Perfect

Philippians 4:19

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

III. God's Provision Is Perfect

A. He provides daily needs

Matthew 6:11

Give us this day our daily bread.

Trust Him for our daily bread

III. God's Provision Is Perfect

B. He supplies grace for trials

2 Corinthians 12:9

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

God's grace is sufficient, especially in our weakness

III. God's Provision Is Perfect

C. He delivers abundantly

Ephesians 3:20

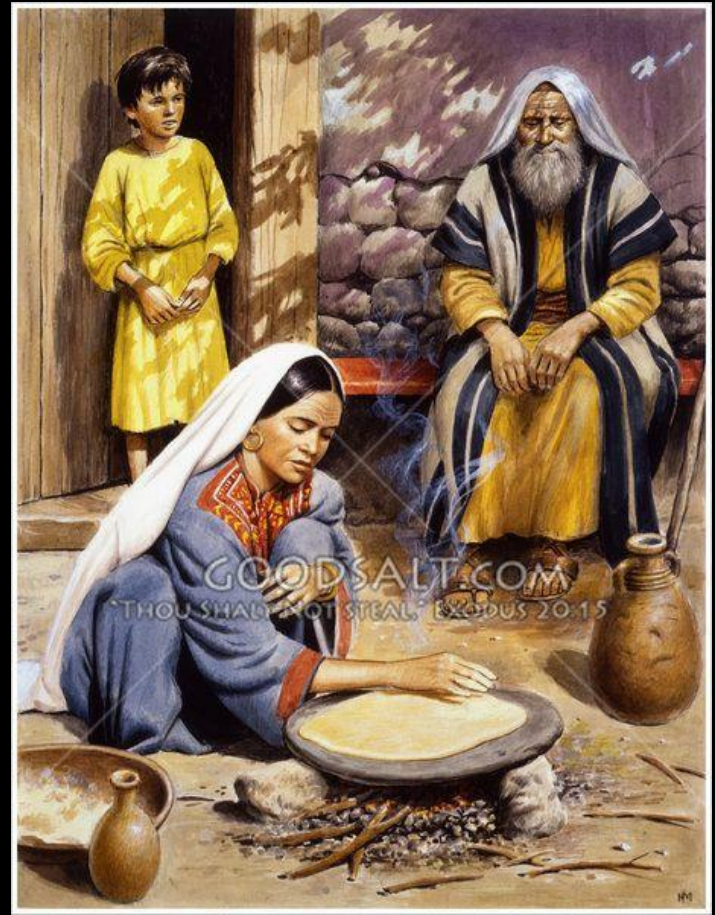
Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

God can do far more than we can ask or imagine

III. God's Provision Is Perfect

1 Kings 17:16

And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.



God Is One Step Ahead

If We Follow Him

Hebrews 4:16

**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of
grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to
help in time of need.**