

Introduction

Series

I. Consider His Gifts

1. Lamentations 3:22-23
2. Three uses of the word “grace”
 - 1) Salvation by grace
 - Eph. 2:8-9
 - by grace are you saved
 - 2) Sustaining grace
 - as Paul’s thorn in the flesh - 2 Cor. 12
 - 3) “Graced” for service
 - Mary - Jesus’ mom - was graced/ favored
 - Paul received the grace to go to the Gentiles
3. Things
 - a shirt
 - a car
4. Privileges - growing stores
5. Opportunities
 - open doors
 - a chance to help someone
 - to share the gospel
6. Status
 - a leader
 - 1) at home
 - 2) administrate business
 - a position

Segue - Given these gifts

II. A Daily Provision

1. Manna/ Water
 - in the wilderness
 - Manna - note, gathered daily
 - how did they know - they didn’t
 - how do you know that God will take care of you today?
 - Water - bread/ and water
 - can live three days without water - important
 - volume of people going across the wilderness - volume of water
 - Joshua 5:12- ate corn/ manna ceased
2. God provided daily - direction guidance
 - Clouds:
 - cloud for day

- fire at night
- did the fire go out at night - just for travel?
- reassurance He is there
- every day - and every night - He is there
- 3. !!). special feasts but daily provision
 - A. Special times in your life when God is especially real
 - B. Other times - little provisions, little notes from God - I'm here
 - Ex. - chocolate covered raisins
- 4. Water and clouds - daily meant... Presence
 - kept alive - but more important - He's there
 - kept on track - but more important - He's there
 - Later they built a tabernacle then a temple
 - A place to meet God - Holy place - Holy of Holies
 - Ark - mercy seat - to obtain "mercy"
- 5. Jesus taught us to pray - Our "daily" bread
 - surely He meant all of the above
- 6. Our Forgotten "gifts"
 - the created order
 - Cooks museum - Decatur
 - Reminded again - this earth created just for us - people
 - citizens of the United States
 - A land of opportunity
 - Business
 - Medical attention
 - obesity is a problem
 - opportunity
 - example to attend church
 - to go to school
 - to call with cell phones
 - to be better educated
 - to be a dad
 - to be at First S. Baptist
 - time/ today
 - lived to see 2021
 - next week focus on "now"
 - 50 years - a gift - someone who dies before 5

So...

Gifts
Daily
Paul says something bigger

III. "All Your Needs"

1. My needs/ your needs - Phil. 4:18-19
2. Reasoning
 - He has provided for ME therefore He will provide for YOU

3. Verse 18- gifts through Epaphroditus

He's saying God will take care of you

Paul had periods of his life when he didn't have anything

Phil. 4:10-13

-knew what it was like to be in "want"

-learned he could do all things (13)

"All"

-social needs

-psychological needs (emotional)

-physical needs

4. Our needs?

SS Baptist - go manipulated into teaching VBS - needs and wants - it's a want to have a bicycle - no that's a need

B. Shoes on New Years Eve - pair

-house shoes

-flip flops

-3 pair outside - work in the shop and yard

-1 pair of hunting boots

If God can provide shoes He can provide more important things

C. Facing 2021 - a place we've never been before

-the God who led Israel across the wilderness will leave you across 2021