

## Faith-Rest Drill: Promises Related to Life: Logistical Provisions of Life, Food, Water, & Clothing

- 21) Paul's crescendo in Romans 8 provides us with all the assurance we need to douse any fears we might have regarding a loss of provisions.

**Romans 8:38** - I stand convinced that neither death nor life; neither angels nor rulers of angels; neither present things nor future things; neither powers;

**v 39** - neither heaven nor hell; nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 22) God's unconditional love for the believer finds its greatest evidence in the doctrine of logistical grace support. And the best illustration is our comparison with sparrows by our Lord in:

**Matthew 10:29** - "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

**v 30** - "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

**v 31** - "Therefore, do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows."

- 23) Water is critical to life in so many ways. It is necessary to grow the food we eat, filter the air we breath, and sustain the body. It is no wonder that we see so many promises that insure our constant supply of water.

**Isaiah 44:3** - I will pour out water on him who is thirsty and streams on the dry ground ...

- 24) The Israelites saw the faithfulness of the Lord in their time of thirst at Rephidim after He instructed Moses,

**Exodus 17:6** - "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb and you shall strike the rock and water will come out of it that the people may drink."

25) That rock was a type of Christ and its provision of water spoke of the unconditional love of God expressed in the grace of God.

1. Christ is the true Rock.

**1 Corinthians 10:1** - I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers ...

**v 4** - all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them, and that rock was Christ.

2. In grace, all received water but none were worthy of it due to lack of faith.

**Exodus 17:2** – The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water that we may drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?”

**v 3** - But the people thirsted there for water and they grumbled against Moses and said, “Why now have you brought us up from Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

3. The grace provision of water teaches that all logistics are free of charge and available to any who will receive it. This principle was taught to the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well by our Lord in:

**John 4:9** - The Samaritan woman therefore said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

**v 10** - Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him and he would have given you living water.”

4. The grace provisions of God flow from the endless resource of divine integrity.

**Psalm 105:40** - They asked and He brought quail and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

**v 41** - He opened the rock and water flowed out. It ran in the dry places like a river.

5. One of the characteristics of divine provision is that it is freely given to any who will receive.

**Isaiah 55:1** - Every one who thirsts, come to the waters.

- 26) Probably the classic passage on God's care and provision of His sheep is found in:

**Matthew 6:25** - "I say to you, do not be anxious for your life as to what you shall eat or what you shall drink nor for your body as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food and the body than clothing?"

**v 31** - "Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'"

**v 32** - "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

**v 33** - "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you."

- 27) Among the provisions noted are those of clothing which includes not only the garments we wear but also shoes.

- 28) When the Israelites were in the Jornada there was no worldly source of shoes or clothing available yet God miraculously provided both as indicated by Moses in:

**Deuteronomy 29:5** - "I have led you forty years in the Jornada. Your clothes have not worn out on you and your sandal has not worn out on your foot."

- 29) Those who are privileged to live in times of prosperity are often unable to understand the plight of those who lived in periods of collective as well as personal adversity and depravation.