

# However You Say It

“The Lord is my shepherd, I will not be in need.”

Psalm 23:1 (NASB)

“The Lord is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me?”

Psalm 118:6 (NASB)

“And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19 (NASB)

If the Lord lacked any of the following, our future would be bleak indeed. If the Lord lacked wisdom, was not all powerful, or was immoral, He would be unworthy of our trust. How could we entrust ourselves to a God Whose plans for the future might fail because He was mistaken somehow about things to come? Or how could we trust a God Who did not possess the needed power to execute His plan? Nor could we trust a God Who was not loving, compassionate, and holy.

Our verses today express total confidence in the God of the Bible. Both of the Psalmists and the apostle Paul are absolute in stating the total adequacy of the Lord to meet their every need. While each child of God has their own special needs, there is no possible need that is beyond God’s ability to meet. No one will ever be able to say that their needs exceeded the Lord’s ability to address. Knowing that we cannot bankrupt the resources of our great God we may face

an uncertain future with the confidence we need.

During His time among us, Christ Jesus proved many times how He was able to control everything for the good of His people. In John 6 the compassionate Teacher created food for 5,000 men out of a poor boy’s bag lunch. In Matthew 8:26 the Master spoke and the storm on the sea disappeared. In John 9 a blind man was given sight. In John 11 the Friend of sinners raised dead Lazarus to life. So, again and again, we read of how the Lord Jesus was able to meet the needs of His people.

So, when we read summary statements from the Psalms, Paul and other biblical writers—and see the many stories that illustrate the proof of those statements—our faith in the Saviour is renewed. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:11 that the stories of God’s people were recorded in Scripture for our instruction; “Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were writ-

ten for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”

Today may you find comfort and instruction from your Bible as you read it and call to mind scriptural promises and stories that are appropriate to your needs. Always keep in mind Psalm 119:103, where the Psalmist tells us that God’s Word illuminates the way forward. Your Bible is your most precious resource on your faith journey from here to heaven.

However you say it, our great God and Saviour is rich in resources that are more than adequate to meet the greatest needs of His beloved people. So come to the Father through Scripture and prayer, and come now.

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