

## JULY 2013, Volume 80 ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY

Greetings in the name of our faithful and loving Heavenly Father—Adonai!

This month, I am writing in somewhat of a different format to share with you an exciting opportunity!



As some of you are already aware, I am just a few weeks away from my second trip to India and I am extremely excited about what God has in store! As fruitful as my time was on my first visit, I believe this trip will prove to bear even a greater harvest! Let me give you a brief overview of my itinerary...

I will be flying out on the evening of October 4th and should arrive in the city of Bangalore (South India) at 4:30 on Sunday morning...

My first stop in Bangalore is going to be tremendous! I will be hosted by

a friend that I just recently came into contact with named Jayraj Nathan. This is a dear saint of God with a powerful testimony. I met him at some meetings here in the middle Georgia area and found that we share a similar vision for discipleship in the nation of India. As a result, he has lined up a powerful five days of ministry that include speaking in his church on the Sunday I arrive and then on Monday through Thursday holding two different meetings: On Monday & Tuesday we will be holding a pastor's conference where we will minister to over 100 pastors whom we are hosting. Then on Wednesday & Thursday we will be holding a school of evangelism where we will be ministering to around 25 of their missionaries (local evangelists who travel throughout the villages).

On Thursday evening, I will fly out of Bangalore to the city of Madurai to connect with a minister whom we also began partnering with in the past year named Thomas Maher. I have been consistently contributing to a Christian magazine that he puts together that reaches over 5,000 churches. Friends, this means that our articles could essentially be reaching close to 100,000 saints! Praise be to God who opens doors that no man can shut!

Our ministry in Madurai under the guidance of Thomas will be similar to that of Bangalore... I will be teaching in his Bible College on Friday & Saturday. Then on Sunday I will be ministering in a local church as well as visiting a “feeding the children” village project outside the city. And, finally, on Monday we will be hosting a good number of local pastors and holding a pastor’s conference all day.

Then after 4 days of ministry in Madurai, I will be returning to Chennai for the first time since 2011. A friend, Lance Weldgen, who now runs the Charis Bible College there, will host me as I minister at the school there from Tuesday through Friday. The last time I was there, I had the opportunity to teach for two classes during the morning and then, after a break for lunch, we held a Bible study where almost every student stayed after their 4 hours of school to hear more! We had a blast last time and, no doubt, we will have a great time this visit as well.

So the way I have it figured, I could be teaching and preaching for over a day during my two weeks there! What I mean is- I will be sharing the gospel for well over 24 hours over my 13 days in South India! Good thing I have my satchel full! The Lord has been preparing me for such a time as this and I cannot wait to see how God’s Word will run swiftly in our gatherings. And this is what excites me so much about this trip... It is that in ministering to all kinds of ministers and future leaders, we are essentially ministering to everyone they are influencing or will influence because, I can assure you, they will devour the truths that I share with them and then feed their sheep the same truths. So can you imagine how many believers we are going to influence with the truth of the gospel? Potentially thousands!!!

So with that said, I want to ask you a question: Do you want to go with me? Do you want to be a part of this ministry that will take place in October? No, I am not talking about you applying for a passport and a visa; I am talking about you being a part of all that will be accomplished through your prayers and financial support!

Allow me to share with you a powerful truth that the Lord ministered to our Tuesday night Bible Study recently because I feel it is pertinent to you seeing the reward in supporting His works...

### **PARTAKERS OF GRACE**

The Apostle Paul declared to the church of Philippi that because of their partnership with his ministry (Philippians 1:5) that they were partakers with him of grace (1:7). In other words, because they had partnered financially with his ministry, they had essentially partnered with his ministry’s reward! Wow! Now that is a powerful truth! What this means is that the “sender” will receive the same reward as the “sent.” So this means that in my mission trip to India, you can receive the same reward as me without having to deal with the jet lag! Now that’s not such a bad deal, huh?

But this is exactly what the Apostle Paul was telling the church of Philippi... You see, he was locked up in prison, suffering for the gospel. He was dealing with an extremely difficult hardship. Yet he told this church that because they had partnered with his ministry and provided for him that they were going to share with him in the grace that would come from his ministry!

And it is in understanding this very truth that Shannon and I personally (as well as

Living Logos Ministries), partner with different ministries and support what they are doing. Why? Because we know that as we give monetarily into these ministries that are bearing fruit and changing people's lives for the better that we will share in their reward! Of course, this is not to be our underlying motive for giving, but certainly it is a perk, is it not? I can guarantee you that there are many Christians out there who do not tithe, much less give over and above 10%, that will walk through those pearly gates and realize how much more they could have done to promote and advance



God's kingdom! They will know in that day how they simply wasted their possessions that God gave them stewardship over while on the earth simply because they did not "live to give."

But not us! We will not be like those who live like prodigals and waste our time, money, and energy on temporal things! We will set our minds on things above and seek first God's kingdom in all things- and that includes our finances! And the awesome promise that comes with practicing this principle of partnership with God's works is found at the end of Paul's epistle to the Philippians.

So what I want to do in this month's Living Logos is to look at a verse that many of us can probably quote and dissect it until its light shines in our hearts. Let's look over at Philippians 4:19...

### **ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY**

This wonderful promise says, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Now I understand that many Christians like to claim this verse over their lives. They quote it- declaring how the Lord will meet all of their needs- but I want us to notice one very key word that Paul uses in the beginning of this sentence- "And..."

Now "And" is a conjunction, correct? So what does that mean? That means that this verse is tied to what he has already said! (And let me say this too... Even if the word "and" was not used in the beginning of Philippians 4:19, it should still be understood that the context of the Apostle Paul's letter is how this church partnered with his ministry! But the very fact that Paul did use this word "And" should make it crystal clear to us that Philippians 4:19 is written to those who offer up well pleasing gifts to the Lord's works.) Therefore, this promise that was made to the church of Philippi was contingent upon their faithful and gracious support of Paul's ministry. They supported him "faithfully" (see 1:5 & 4:16) and they gave to him "graciously" (see 4:18). And these two facets of giving are the two most important. The Lord wants us to be

consistent (because He changes not) and He wants us to be benevolent (because His nature is to give graciously).

Then notice how the Apostle Paul says, “And my God shall supply all your need...” Why does he say, “my God”? Wasn’t He also the God of the Philippians too? Sure he was! What Paul was saying was that his God, the God who supplied all his need like He had done through the Philippians, would supply all their need in like manner! Hallelujah!

The Lord once revealed this truth to me in praying for a friend... I was praying for this couple friend of mine who was struggling financially. I had seen the Lord’s provision in my life and experienced His faithfulness towards me. So as I prayed for them, I quoted this verse and the Lord emphasized these two words to me- “my God!” So you can bet your bottom dollar that the next time I saw them I shared this truth to them- that my God, the One who had faithfully provided for me in my life, was going to do the same for them! So I did, and He did! Praise our Jehovah Jireh!

Then notice that this verse says that God shall supply all our need- not, maybe He will or if He decides to in His sovereign wisdom. No! He shall supply! There should never be a question in our minds! We can know and understand the will of God concerning our provision and it is simply this- He shall supply!

Then notice that Paul says that He shall supply all our need- not needs (plural), but all our need... God is called in His Word- our ever present help in time of need- not needs! What does this mean? It means that He is our all in all, our all-sufficiency! Whatever the need, He is that to us! If our need one day is healing, He is Jehovah Rophe- the Lord our healer! If our need is financial provision the next day, He is Jehovah Jireh- the Lord our Provider! If our need is peace on another day, He is Jehovah Shalom- the Lord our peace. If our need the day after that is direction and guidance, He is Jehovah Rohi- the Lord our Shepherd. And the list could go on and on! He is the Great I Am! He is whatever we need Him to be in the present! We are only to focus on our daily bread- not storing up yesterday’s manna or worrying about tomorrow’s manna. He says, “I Am \_\_\_”! And whatever your daily need is, He shall supply it to you! Hallelujah! That was for somebody out there, no doubt!

But I just love this next phrase... He did not say that He shall supply all our need out of His riches in glory by Christ Jesus; He said He shall supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus! Now that might not seem like a big difference in terminology, but let me explain to you how different those two phrases really are...

Suppose a millionaire tells you he is going to help you pay for your car. Well, if he gives to you out of his resources then that would mean that he could give you as little as \$1, \$5, or \$20. But if he says he is going to give to you according to his resources, then that would mean he is going to supply you with a whole lot more than \$20!

You see, for someone to give “out of” their wealth, they could give as low of an amount as they so desire. But for that same person to give “according to” their wealth, then the amount that they give will be in proportion to the amount that they possess. So in the case of this millionaire, if he gives to you “according to” his resources, then we are talking about probably making all of

your remaining car payments because of how rich he is!

The best way to explain this is in the story of the widow's two mites... In this situation, Jesus was sitting by the treasury to watch the people give their offerings and He made the comment to His disciples that the widow who gave two mites gave more than all the rest who gave that day. Then He explained why. He said it was because they all gave "out of" their abundance but she out of her poverty gave all that she had. You see, they gave "out of" their abundance, but she gave "according to" her resources. In other words, they gave a small percentage of what they had, but she gave all that she possessed. And the awesome truth of this is... God does not command nor commend anything that He does not already do! So when this widow gave all of her riches, we can also see God giving us all of His riches in glory! Hallelujah!

And, you see, we are not talking about just a millionaire here! We are talking about the God who created the heavens and the earth... The God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills and all the gold, silver, and precious stones of the earth! God owns all the riches of this earth and to say He is extremely wealthy would be a major understatement! So when Paul says that He will fill our cup up "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" he is not talking about God giving us just enough... He is talking about God giving us more than enough!

So when we are promised in the Word of God that when we give faithfully and sacrificially into the Kingdom of God that He will supply our every need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, know that we are not talking about just enough- We are talking about having more than enough! I don't know about you but this just stirs me up even more to be an extravagant giver! There is so much truth to that Christian cliché that you cannot out-give God! It is absolutely impossible when you give in faith and love!

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And this is what I want to give you the opportunity to do this month... With this trip the Lord has planned before the foundation of the earth and with all of the fruit that will obviously be produced through it, we all have the opportunity to be partakers of the grace that will come from this time of ministry in India.

So I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting me on this trip. Aside from the costs of traveling that are required for me personally, there are also needs that we can support through the costs involved in arranging these meetings and hosting these pastors. So I just ask that you would pray if you are to have a part in this. 100% of the gifts that come into Living Logos Ministries for this trip will go towards the costs involved and will also be considered tax deductible. There are two ways you can contribute: You can either send a check payable to Living Logos Ministries with the enclosed envelope and coupon at the bottom of this page or you can visit our website @ [www.treydickerson.com](http://www.treydickerson.com) and give via credit/debit card through our safe and secure donation link through PayPal.

We thank you here at Living Logos Ministries for your prayers and support of this project. God is doing great things through the ministry that He has entrusted us with and we are glad!

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