

SERMON NOTES - His Name is...PROVIDER

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1 - A summary of this talk, and various ways and Ideas for how to use the themes

Due to the nature of the video messages, a sermon preached on video/TV generally contains much more information than should be presented when preaching "live".

Video messages also don't include as many personal stories and anecdotes as would be shared in a personal sermon.

For this reason, when preaching this message "live", it is advisable for you to pick one or two of the main themes, ideas, or points below, and focus on them, adding your own stories and experiences, and your own personality.

THE BIG IDEA

God's name is PROVIDER. You can rely on this part of His nature. Copy Abraham to experience God's provision in your life.

THE MAIN THEMES & SUB IDEAS EACH OF WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A SERMON ON ITS OWN

You could use one or more of the following themes and ideas and craft a whole sermon out of any of these:

1. ****God's Name and Its Significance****

- ****Scripture Reference****: Exodus 3:14-15

- **Explanation**: God's name, Yahweh, means "I am who I am," signifying His eternal, self-sufficient, and unchanging nature.

2. **God as Provider (Yahweh Jireh) in Abraham's life**

- **Scripture Reference**: Genesis 22:1-14

- **Explanation**: The story of Abraham and Isaac demonstrates God providing a ram as a substitute sacrifice, revealing God as a provider.

3. **Faith and Obedience**

- **Scripture Reference**: Hebrews 11:17-19

- **Explanation**: Abraham's willingness to obey God and sacrifice Isaac, trusting in God's provision, underscores the importance of faith and obedience.

4. **Generosity and God's Provision**

- **Scripture Reference**: Philippians 4:19, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

- **Explanation**: Generosity is linked to God's provision, where giving generously leads to receiving abundantly from God.

5. **The Nature of God's Provision**

- **Scripture Reference**: Matthew 6:25-33

- **Explanation**: God's provision encompasses more than material needs; it includes spiritual and emotional support, as seen in Jesus' teaching about not worrying.

6. **Jesus as the Fulfillment of God's Promises**

- **Scripture Reference**: Galatians 3:8, John 8:56, 2 Cor 1:20

- **Explanation**: Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises, as foreshadowed in the Old Testament, particularly in the story of Abraham.

7. **Running into God's Name as a Strong Tower**

- **Scripture Reference**: Proverbs 18:10

- **Explanation**: God's name is a source of safety and security, inviting believers to trust in His character and promises.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS BASED ON THIS TALK

1. How does understanding the meaning of God's name, Yahweh, influence your view of Him?
2. In what ways can recognizing God as your provider change your approach to daily life and challenges?
3. How do the examples of Abraham and Elijah demonstrate the relationship between obedience and God's provision?
4. What role does generosity play in experiencing God's provision according to the talk?

2 - How to Preach a Sunday Sermon

The SUNDAY sermon is normally not an in depth teaching time (this is usually done in other times and settings). Usually the Sunday Sermon achieves 3 main goals:

- It attracts non believers,
- It inspires believers and
- It educates everyone.

A sermon should not be too long (30 minutes is a good maximum time).

The mood and tone is important as people will often remember a FEELING more than information. People must sense and feel the love, joy and excitement of Jesus and the Christian life along with being motivated by GRACE, rather than legalism, guilt or religion.

A 4-Point Checklist for Sermon Preparation ...

- 1) You** must be able to articulate in your own mind what the talk's one big message is. You should be able to state this in one sentence before you give your talk, and this would also work well as the introductory sentence of your talk..

**1 BIG
IDEA**

It should be a compelling and motivating idea that is captivating and important, and it must have HELPED YOU in your life. If it is real for you, it will be real to those who hear you. As a general guideline, this idea should inspire people to faith, hope and action, and it is based on joy rather than on legalism or duty.

- 2) To** back up and support your big idea, you should have around 3 main points which are helpful and along the same theme. People should be able to follow your logical progression and see how the three points back up the main idea. You can have more than three points if you are making the same point from several different angles OR if you are using several different Bible verses to support the same idea.

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SUPPORTING
Points

- 3) For** each point you make, you should try to have one **story** or a **personal example** that illustrates what you are saying. They give a window to your sermon, allowing light to shine in, and bringing your points to life. Without illustrations, your sermon could feel like it's all "facts". Illustrations and stories engage people's imagination and emotions, and can show how the truths you are speaking of have impacted and affected you in a personal way.

**ILLUSTRATIONS
&
STORIES**

- 4) There** should be a practical way that people can apply what you have said – it should change people's lives, and you should conclude with this application. There is a **general** life application – "how will I live differently going forward?" – and there is also an **immediate** application – "what is God saying to me right NOW?" Encourage people to "do business with God" right then and there and to make decisions or commitments if necessary. This "life application" can be a good conclusion to your talk, OR the main idea that you started with can also be helpful as a concluding summary.

**PRACTICAL
APPLICATION
AND SUMMARY**

3 - How to lead a Small Group

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like those below:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do **PRACTICALLY** in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.

4 - Small Group Bible Study Questions and Guidelines for this message

OUTLINE OF THE SHORT VIDEO MESSAGE

1. **Understanding God as Provider:**

- Exploring various perspectives on the concept of a provider, including employer, family, nation, and self.
- Introducing the biblical perspective of God as the ultimate provider, emphasizing the significance of understanding and trusting in His name, Yahweh.

2. **Abraham's Test of Faith:**

- Recounting the story from Genesis 22 where God tests Abraham's faith by instructing him to sacrifice his son Isaac.
- Highlighting Abraham's trust in God's provision, demonstrated by his obedience and expectation of divine intervention.

3. **Lessons on Provision and Obedience:**

- Reflecting on the broader implications of God's provision beyond material needs, focusing on obedience and faithfulness.
- Drawing connections between obedience, generosity, and experiencing God's abundance, as exemplified by various biblical passages and teachings.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON THIS SHORT VIDEO

1. How does this concept of God as Provider challenge your ideas of sources of provision?
2. What lessons can we draw regarding the relationship between faith, obedience, and experiencing God's provision from the story of Abraham and Isaac? How does this narrative resonate with personal experiences of trusting in divine guidance?
3. How can we respond to this message and what are the hindrances to us following God's ways in regard to Provision?
4. Spend some time thanking God and praying specifically for each person's needs.

5 - Expanded Notes of the full Sermon

INTRO - God Has given us His name

He revealed His name to Moses:

Exo 3:13-15 NKJV - "13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." ["*HYH, HYH*"] And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM ["*HYH*"] has sent me to you.' " 15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD ["*YAHWEH*" "*YHWH*"] God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'"

The benefits of knowing His name

Pro 18:10 NKJV - "10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe (*set on high*)."

Revelation 3:12 NKJV — "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. (cf Rev 2:17 "*a white stone, and ...a new name which no one else knows* ")

Num 6:23-27 NKJV - "23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: 24 "The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' 27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.'"

Mal 3:6 NKJV - "6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

ABRAHAM EXPERIENCED YAHWEH PROVIDER:

Gen 22 tells us how this name came to be and involves Abraham, who is 115 years old by now.

Gen 22:1-18 NKJV - "1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." 6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your

son, your only son, from Me." 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." 15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son-- 17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.""

POINTS TO NOTE

POINT 1: God's Provision is what we need when we need it - it is so much more than just the bare essentials.

Abraham had already been extremely well provided for by God...Riches, a Son, Protection, Guidance, Forgiveness, Success/Victories in war.

Gen 13:2 NKJV - "2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold."

...but...what he needed at that particular moment was what he needed most - and what God provided.

Phi 4:19 NKJV - "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

POINT 2: We experience His provision when we are in obedience and right relationship with Him.

On the MOUNTAIN of the Lord it will be provided. The mountain is a place of obedience, worship and trust.

1Ki 17:3-4 NKJV - "3 "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 4 "And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.""

POINT 3: Provision and His promises are not just "principles of sowing and reaping", they are about our relationship with Jesus.

2Co 1:20 NIV - "20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."

Abraham had met Jesus (as Melchizedek) and "seen His day" and had the gospel explained to him already

John 8:56 NKJV — "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

Heb 11:19 NKJV - "[Abraham] concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."

Gal 3:8 NKJV - "8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."" (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14)

The principle of sowing and reaping does apply whether you know Jesus or not, but it is supposed to be in the context of relationship and worship with Jesus.

Pro 3:9-10 NKJV - "9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine."

Pro 11:24-25 NKJV - "24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. 25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself."

The Macedonian Christians as an example to us:

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1) They gave out of love even though they were not wealthy:

2Co 8:1-5 NKJV - "1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God."

2) They "partnered" with Paul in spreading the Gospel

Phi 4:14-19 NKJV - "14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

3) Paul used them as an example to other Churches and encouraged the same generosity, with amazing promises attached:

2Co 9:7, 8, 10-11 NKJV — "7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. ... 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God."

SOME OTHER VERSES:

Luk 6:38 NKJV - "38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luk 12:22, 24, 27-34 NKJV - "22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. ... 24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ... 27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 "If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? 29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 "For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Mal 3:10 NKJV - "10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it."

2Th 3:10 NKJV - "10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat."

Deu 8:18 NKJV - "18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

THE NAMES OF GOD

1. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **JIREH** (THE LORD WILL **PROVIDE**) Gen 22:14.
 2. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **RAPHA** (THE LORD WHO **HEALS**) Exd 15:26.
 3. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **NISSI** (THE LORD MY **BANNER**) Exd 17:15. Moses, recognizing that the Lord was Israel's banner under which they defeated the Amalekites, builds an altar named Jehovah-Nissi (the Lord our Banner).
 4. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **MEKODDISHKEM** (THE LORD WHO **SANCTIFIES** YOU) Exd 31:13. Lev 20:8
 5. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **SHALOM** (THE LORD IS **PEACE**) Jdg 6:24. the name of an altar built by Gideon in Ophrah.
 6. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **SABAOth** (THE LORD **OF HOSTS**) over 285 References of the name Jehovah Sabaoth in the Old Testament.
 7. JEHOVAH(YAHWEH)-**RAAH** (THE LORD MY **SHEPHERD**) Psalm 23.
 8. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **TSIDKENU** (THE LORD OUR **RIGHTEOUSNESS**) Jer 23:6; Jer 33:16
 9. JEHOVAH (YAHWEH) **SHAMMAH** (THE LORD IS **THERE**) Ezekiel 48:35.
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