

Trusting in the Lord Philippians 4:10-13

I. Trusting in God's P_____ (v. 10)

- a. Paul was imprisoned in Rome and the Philippians had sent a generous financial gift and Epaphroditus to serve him.
- b. **rejoicing in the Lord greatly** is Paul's main point in this sentence.
 - i. Because he knew that God was the One who had ultimately provided for him, through the Philippians (cf. Rom. 8:28; Gen. 50:19-20ff)
 - ii. Paul was a Worshiper, not a Worrier!!!
- c. Miracles and Providence:
 - i. A Miracle is God's direct supernatural intervention outside the natural framework of His creation.
 - ii. Providence is God's indirect supernatural working within the normal framework of His creation.

II. Trusting in God's P_____ (v. 11-12)

- a. **content** = **autarkēs** (αὐτάρκης) = "content, self-sufficient" or "satisfied with God's provision"
- b. "Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition" (Jeremiah Burroughs)
- c. Jesus tells us to not seek contentment in the things of this world: Power, Prestige, Prosperity, Pleasure, Peace...
 - i. ³³ **But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**" (Matt. 6:33; 1 Tim. 6:7-10; 2 Cor. 9:10)

III. Trusting in God's P_____ (v. 13)

- a. This is not a contractual obligation that says God must give us whatever we want like many athletes and businessmen think!
- b. Paul is saying that since God is sovereign, whatever blessings or trials God either brings to him or allows to come to him, He will also strengthen him to deal with it
 - i. **Whatever God leads you to, He will lead you through!**
- c. **"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness"** (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
 - i. When he was self-sufficient, relying on his own power and abilities, Paul was **weak**.
 - ii. But when he was God-dependent, relying on God's divine power, then he was **strong!**