

JANUARY 2022: Matthew 6:25-7:14

Title: "The All-Knowing Provider"

This passage of scripture may be familiar to many. It's quoted often, used in song lyrics, and is preached time and time again. In these verses, we see the Sovereignty of God and His providence for all of Creation. It's a beauty to behold. The One who spoke the Universe into existence also cares for you and I. He dresses the blades of grass, and also provides for us. What a gift to unwrap.

This passage gives us hope. It reminds us that as the old Sunday School rhyme would tell us, "*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*". He's got it covered. We don't have to worry, fret, or fear. Our most Holy LORD will handle all things.

***"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?'
or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
For the Gentiles seek after all these things,
and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all."
MATTHEW 6:32***

God already knows what we need. It's as simple as that. He knows what we need, when we will need it, and how we ought to go about getting it. He's thought of all the pieces.

I remember a time when I tried to plan a surprise party for my friend. I love surprises, and so I wanted to surprise my friend as well. I was so excited, and I couldn't wait to show my friend what I had planned! I had reserved a time for us to go kayaking out on a river with beautiful views. I just knew that it would be such a great time. The day came and the weather was just PERFECT. My friend had no idea what would be occurring because I wanted it to be the perfect surprise.

My friend showed up in a full birthday outfit---a nice top, jeans, nice shoes. I didn't think much of it because I was too excited about revealing the grand surprise. We pull up to the kayaking place, and my friend ever so kindly says, "Are we going kayaking?" I replied, so excitedly, "Surprise! Yes I have reservations!" My friend said, a little concerned, "If I had known, I would have worn different clothes."

That's the moment that it hit me. I didn't plan this well. I got so excited about revealing the surprise, that I left out some super important details. Luckily, my friend was in good spirits about the whole thing, but the day did end with a trip to the mall to get a new wardrobe after getting soaked on the kayak.

I made some mistakes. My humanity clashed with my provision, and resulted in error. But praise be to God--we serve a Perfect, Divine, Holy God. We serve a God who doesn't make mistakes. Matthew 6:32 reminds us that He will provide for you and not miss a single beat. He won't forget to mention the proper wardrobe attire. **He'll make sure you're dressed for every occasion.** He will gift you with things that will be far more abundant than you could ever hope, think or imagine. He thinks of all the small details. He knows just what you need.