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SUNDAY SERMON CHRISTIAN HOME AND THE HAND OF GOD FOR PROVISIONS.

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The concept of "the hand of God" in the family for provision emphasizes God's active involvement in providing for the needs of His people within their family units.

There are some biblical perspectives on God's provision for families:

1. God's Provision for Families

- *Material needs*: God promises to provide for the material needs of His people, including food, clothing, and shelter

Matthew 6:25-33

[25]"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

[26]Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

[27]Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

[28]"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

[29]and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

[30]Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

[31]"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

[32]For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

[33]But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- *Financial blessings*: God can bless families with financial resources, enabling them to live comfortably and generously

Malachi 3:10-12

[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.

[11]"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts;

[12]"And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the Lord of hosts.

- *Protection and safety*: God's hand can protect families from harm and danger, keeping them safe from physical and spiritual threats.

Psalms 121:7-8

[7]The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

[8]The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

2. Biblical Examples of God's Provisions For the Family of His People:

1. - *God's provision for the Israelites*: In the wilderness, God provided for the Israelites' physical needs, giving them manna and quail to eat (Exodus 16:4-36).

2. - *God's provision for Elijah*: God provided for Elijah's needs through ravens and a widow, demonstrating His ability to provide in unexpected ways (1 Kings 17:1-16).

3. Principles for Receiving God's Provision

- *Trust and faith*: Trusting in God's sovereignty and goodness can help families receive His provision.

Psalms 37:3-7



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[3] Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

[4] Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

[5] Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

[6] He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

[7] Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

- *Obedience and stewardship*: Obeying God's commands and being good stewards of His resources can lead to God's blessings and provision.

Deuteronomy 28:1,12

[1] "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Deuteronomy 28:12

[12] The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

- *Gratitude and contentment*: Cultivating gratitude and contentment can help families appreciate God's provision and live in harmony with His will.

1 Timothy 6:6-10

[6] Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

[7] For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

[8] And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

[9] But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

[10] For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

4. Prayer and Dependence on God

- *Praying for provision*: Families can pray for God's provision, trusting in His goodness and sovereignty (Matthew 6:9-13).

- *Dependence on God*: Recognizing their dependence on God can help families cultivate humility and faith, leading to a deeper relationship with Him