

## THE GOD OF SUPPLY

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THIS IS CHURCH Series

Psalm 145:16 You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Philippians 1:19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

**It's Him that supplies everything.** God's hand is the way to bringing satisfaction.

God is ready to bring supply in. Sometimes it's in spite of you.

WHAT DOES SUPPLY LOOK LIKE?

Deuteronomy 11:10 For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden

➡ God says, *Don't define the land I bring you with where you came from.*

👉 We need to get rid of the vegetable garden mentality!

Deuteronomy 11:11-12 but the land which you cross over to possess is a **land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven** 12 a land **for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it**, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

*When God brings supply in your life, it is from the beginning right to the end.*

**GOD WILL BRING US IN A LAND SO BIG  
THAT YOU NEED TO RELY ON HEAVEN TO WATER IT  
THERE IS NO SCARCETRY—AND GOD IS ALREADY WATCHING OVER IT**

You can't water your own garden in this place. If you get into this place you get to posture your heart to understand, *You need to rely on Me to water the garden.* Because there is so much land, you couldn't water it by foot anymore. You don't have enough water to take with you. He says, *you need heaven to water the land.* And guess what, I am already watching over it. It's My land, I'm keeping an eye on it, and I'm going to bless it from the beginning of the year right to the end.

In order to move into that supply, *we have to deal with certain mindsets.* If they had a vegetable garden mentality it would be hard for them to adjust, the land is so vast, how are we going to water it? I'm going to sow seed—but how do I know know that it's going to rain? How do I know that the ground will be soft enough to receive the seed I'm going to sow? How do I know that rain actually is going to come in and cause my seed to germinate and grow, and then I will be able to reap something from the land? Those are questions you need to think about.

When you're doing it yourself you know, I'm going to plant the seed and I'm going to water it myself. I'm going to keep an eye on it. And you have this concept, I know I can do it. I know I can make sure this thing is going to grow. I know it is supernatural that it's going to grow, but I think I got control over this thing. I think I can make it work.

But when you come into a vast land of supply from heaven you realize that **God is not only the SOURCE OF SUPPLY, He is the one that will SUSTAIN YOU for what He has given you.** And He will sustain that very SUPPLY as well. That's a different way of thinking.

**WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE VEGETABLE MENTALITY  
WE NEED TO RELY ON GOD TO WATER OUR LAND.  
NOT ONLY IS GOD OUR SOURCE OF SUPPLY—HE WILL SUSTAIN OUR SUPPLY**

I asked God what we would need to do about positioning ourselves for supply. It's one thing to pick up a prophetic word, and pick up heaven's direction on something, but it is something else to position yourself to receive.

***Jeremiah 17:5-6 NKJV**—Thus says the Lord: “**Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord.** 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.*

*Strength means our might, our effort, our intelligence—it has something to do with us. It's where we think, it's because of me, God. It's because of my education. It's because of my upbringing. And this doesn't have to do with how much money you have. What God says is, you think you have your own strength. You think this has occurred because of the strength of your arm, your ability, your capability. Where you depend on yourself for your future. Where you store up in barns to protect your future. Like Jesus addressed this guy in Luke, he was building these new barns to store up all that stuff, and that night he dies. What good is it for?*

God is trying to get us to a point—regardless of what level you are

**➡ we can't let man be our source and our resource**

Sometimes God does use people to bless your life, but that doesn't mean that they are your source. It means your Father in heaven is YOUR SOURCE, and He may use people to bless you. Sometimes He'll bless the work of your hands. Sometimes He'll bless you through other people's hands. They will bring provision into your life. It is wonderful but it doesn't mean that it's you, and it doesn't mean it is them. The Lord says, **Cursed is the man**. In other words, *you open the door*—to come back to a vegetable garden mentality, a curse mentality, when you realize...

***NLT** —This is what the Lord says: “**Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord.** 6 They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land.*

That picture, does it look like a picture of SUPPLY? It doesn't.

**⚠ We can't rely on people for our source and our resource.**

## HOW TO POSITION OURSELVES FOR SUPPLY

### Key #1 TRUST

**➡ Who are you trusting in?** —And it doesn't matter which level you're in. Sometimes it's easier to trust God when you haven't enough, because you don't have a choice. Sometimes it's actually easier to TRUST GOD when you have nothing. It's more difficult to align your TRUST in HIM when you have a lot, when you have ABUNDANCE. That's why God constantly warned the children of Israel in Deuteronomy chapter 8 and chapter 11, when He began to tell them, Hey, listen, remember Me. Remember the Lord your God who prospers you, gives you the silver and the gold. He goes, just remember, it was Me. I gave the power to get wealth for a PURPOSE, for a VISION to establish My Covenant that I made with Abraham. That's still the same purpose of wealth in the earth today.

**⚠ Anything misaligned with this purpose is misaligning the RESOURCES.**

It doesn't mean God doesn't take care of us. God does take care of us—but that's His primary mission. He wants to establish His covenant with the person of Jesus Christ. The covenant that He made with Abraham, Jesus is the SEED and the FULFILLMENT. The consummation of this Covenant. And **He wants to bless all families in the earth through the person of Jesus Christ** through the Gospel of the Kingdom—and build a House for the habitation of His Presence and Glory.

**➡ That's His VISION—That's His MISSION—That's His ASSIGNMENT**

**👉 And WEALTH is for that purpose specifically.**

Then what about your needs? Well, God says, it's MY HAND that provides the desire and satisfies every living thing. **God's HAND supplies for you.** God says, I feed the birds. They don't sow. They don't reap yet *they participate in My kingdom and I feed them.* He takes care of all the plant life. He provides the rain that we need (Look at British Columbia. Look at the Amazon jungle). God provides.

→ **GOD'S HAND IS THAT MAKES PROVISION FOR US.**

*Jeremiah 17:7-8 NLT— 7 “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. 8 They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.*

New King James says, *Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is the Lord.* The Lord yourself is your hope—that tells me,

👉 **The entire SOURCE of our RESOURCE is the Lord Himself.**—That's a different mentality! You might have a million dollars in your bank account. But if that is your hope, your source, you're TRUSTING in, you got yourself into a problem.—It's not your source that you trust in.

The first thing we got to align to position ourselves to align is👉 **WHERE IS OUR TRUST?** Is it in HIM, the GOD OF SUPPLY? Is it in Him that resources us? Who satisfies the desires of every living thing? Or is it our own strength? Our own wealth, what we've accumulated? Or what God has blessed us in in the past?—Is it your business? Is it your wealthy uncle? Or is it your Grandpa who's wealthy?

→ → → **What is your TRUST in?**

This is why people get disappointed because they put *false expectations in other people*. People are going to let you down. And *sometimes God will have them let you down unknowingly because you put your trust in them.*—Sometimes you put your TRUST in them and then *God doesn't let them be your SUPPLY.*—Sometimes was intending to use them to bless your life, but **you put your TRUST in them versus God.** *You look to them as your RESOURCES versus the Lord.*

I want you to be positioned for SUPPLY.—Question: **WHERE IS OUR TRUST?**

**The person that TRUSTS THE LORD**, that's what his life looks like...

*Jeremiah 17:8 NLT—They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.*

You have access to unlimited SUPPLY of fresh moving water to feed your roots and what you need so you can grow into a tree and **BEAR MUCH FRUIT with roots that reach deep into the water.**

→ You got a direct SUPPLY—That's what happens to a believer . When you begin to TRUST In God, our spirit begins to hook up with the Holy Spirit, hooks up with heaven, and we to get **direct SUPPLY from Heaven**—The WISDOM we need. The REVELATION we need. Of the doors we need God to open. The RELATIONSHIPS He needs to bring into our life. And of the WEALTH and SUPPLY that we need to have and that which we need to steward.

When you think as an asset manager, God begins to entrust you with His assets. Because He happens to own the whole world and everything in it—the silver and the gold, the cattle, the people, everything that belongs to Him, and everyone that lives and dwells in this planet, He says, I own the intellectual property rights. I own the planet. I own the universe. In fact, He says, *the whole universe fits in the palm of My hand.*—He's a big God.

If the whole universe fits into His hand, no wonder He says *He opens up His hand* and SUPPLIES the desire, and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

**WE GOT TO CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK**  
**AND GET OUR HEARTS INTO A POSTURE TO SAY, *I TRUST IN YOU***

What will your life be like? *They will be like trees planted along a riverbank—not a shrub in the desert on salty land—with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought.* What does this mean? Your life is not bothered by the News cycle. It's not bothered by who is in the government or who isn't. Not that we abdicate our responsibility to pray and to vote, and to participate in our nations that still have the freedom to do so,

which around the world is getting fewer and fewer every day. It doesn't matter what the economy is like.—What is it for a tree to not care when it's too hot? It has enough supply of water, it doesn't matter how hard it gets, it'll go get a nice cool drink. —The same thing for your life. When you hook up with HEAVEN'S SUPPLY, you're not worrying about the economic shifts and changes. You're not worried what they are going to say about the stock market. You're not worried about tariffs. Heaven is not moved by tariffs. The world might be, but heaven certainly is not.

This is why you got to start THINKING DIFFERENTLY. And you got to **TRAIN YOURSELF to move out of a vegetable garden mentality into a MENTALITY** where you have all this land **where you rely on the RAIN OF HEAVEN**. Even if it doesn't rain, you ain't worried. Even if the interest rates are down, it doesn't bother you. Because YOUR SUPPLY isn't the bank, isn't the interest rates. It's not the FED in the United States of America, it's not whatever banking system you use in your country. Your supply is not the bank itself.

→ **YOUR SUPPLY IS HEAVEN**

→ **Your supply is YOUR COVENANT**

→ **Your supply is THE HAND OF GOD**

You're saying, God Your hand meets every need. You take care of what needs to be taken care of.

👉 THAT'S A DIFFERENT WAY TO THINK.

→ **When you got TRUST, you begin to develop GENUINE FAITH.**

→ **You can't have FAITH if you don't have TRUST**

→ **FAITH is the RESPONSE to who HE IS**

→ And in order to have FAITH, your TRUST has to come alive in Him

👉 And the more you TRUST HIM, the more you SEE HIM as He is, the bigger your FAITH gets on the inside of you—Because **your FAITH is a RESPONSE to the REVELATION OF WHO HE IS**. When you realize WHO HE IS, FAITH is already there on the inside of you. This changes your Prayer Life. Because He is our SUPPLY.

We are not worried for long months of drought. Watch what happens.

**These trees, their leaves stay green.** It don't matter if you have water. It don't matter if you got too much sun. It doesn't matter what the economic cycle is, what's happening with the tariffs, what's happening in the news, what's happening with interest rates, what's happening at your company, what's happening in your industry—at the end of the day, make up your mind...

→ Your business is not your supply. Your job is not your supply. **IT IS GOD WHO IS YOUR SUPPLY.** He will use those things and bless the works of your hands, but when He does not put His blessings on it, it is nothing. It will evaporate. It will dissipate. It will disappear.

→ **But if GOD becomes your SUPPLY, it changes everything.**

**We have to get used to the idea that GOD IS OUR SUPPLY.** That means *what we have in our hands today is actually not ours, it's actually His. We're just STEWARDS and ASSET MANAGERS.* We are no longer owners.

Sometimes we get worried and anxious about what we're stewarding. Especially if you have more. When you have nothing, there's nothing to be anxious about. There's nothing there to be worried about stewarding. But when you have much, it gets on people because now you got much, and now you know you might lose what you got.

You might have started out right and you're like, "God, You are my source. You're my supply. You are my hope. You're my TRUST. You're my everything. You're my all and all." And He supplies. And you're like, "Thank you, Lord. That's awesome. That's incredible." And then He begins to prosper you a little bit. He begins to open doors for you. He begins to cause things to happen in your life. And now you start to think, "That's my supply. I got to protect it now. I got to hoard it now. I got to hide it here and there. I got to do this with it now"—because from now on, in your mind, you've checked out, "I don't have to trust God anymore. I just needed to TRUST Him to get what I needed. Now that I got it, I don't need to TRUST Him anymore. I'll just TRUST what He gave me."—That's what happens, isn't it? It's very easy to have a tendency to lean back into that way of thinking.

!! And what that does is it **opens the door to the curse of limitation**, theft in your life, things kind of getting into interfering with your life. You're like, I don't know what's going on. I don't know what's happening. And the more that happens, the enemy knows he's reeling you in.—Ah, I'm going to protect it even harder. I'm going to try different ways. I'm going to protect what I have. Because if you have your **TRUST** in it, if it starts to dissipate, your life is shaken. Interest rates change, your life is shaken. Economic cycles change, your life is shaken. If you've been alive long enough, there's always economic shakings. So if you base your life on that, how are you experiencing the freedom that Christ actually provides for us?

So first thing, **YOUR LEAVES WILL STAY GREEN, they will never stop producing fruit**—the tree, your life (Jeremiah 17:8). He's talking about people, but he's using prophetic pictures to present a message to us. And the message is, **TRUST IN ME**, sons and daughters. **PUT YOUR HOPE IN ME**. I'll cause you to be a tree planted at rivers of living water. And it will cause you to not worry whether it's hot, where there's rain or not. *You're going to bear fruit all throughout the year.*

Remember, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, our expectation in covenant with God should no less. *Regardless of what is happening, we're going to bear fruit. Regardless of what's happening, we're going to see GOD'S SUPPLY.*—*You got to move over to this.*

## Key #2 SEEK

*Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*  
NLT—Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

That's also a prophetic word that was given to us. Taste and experience that God is actually good.

*Psalm 34:9 NLT—Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need.*

Did you know that Proverbs 29:25 says that the fear of man is also a trap or a snare?

*Proverbs 29:25 Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.*

⚠ So the **FEAR of man** and **TRUSTING in man** go together.

📌 *But when you TRUST IN GOD, you fear whom you trust.* And when you TRUST GOD, guess what? **THE FEAR OF GOD comes on you**, you're more worried about Him and misplacing your trust in someone else, or something else other than HIM. You're swallowed up by the goodness and the kindness and you've tested and seen that God is good. And your mind is set on that, and that's where you're going to remain.

*Psalm 34:9-10 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints. There is no lack or want {no lack}. 10 Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who SEEK the Lord shall not lack any good thing.*

## TRUST—SEEK—OBEY

*Matthew 6:33 But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

The world is seeking after things. What shall I wear? Where's my money going to come from? Where am I going to live? How am I going to pay for my education? How am I going to go for this? Where's my gas? Where's my car? Where's this? What about my taxes? What about this? What about my savings? What about my vacation?... The what about people.

👉 And God is saying, *Don't be a what about person. You get over here and you get specific. You get focused.* He says, *you SEEK FIRST the Kingdom*—in other words: Don't SEEK second, third or last.

◆ A lot of time we put God last. We try everything else.

◆ Or we say say—It's the same vegetable garden mentality—it's my strength. It's my power. It's what I can do. And it's like, I can do this. And it's all about you or someone else.

⚠ And when you've exhausted all the avenues, then you say, "Let me SEEK GOD."

But God's saying, **DO IT FIRST—SEEK FIRST the KINGDOM.**

## SEEKING THE KINGDOM FIRST means two specific things

**Number 1—SEEK THE KING** - TRUSTING in Him, FEARING Him, and RECOGNIZING He's your HOPE and He's your RESOURCE. This is talking about SUPPLY.

*Matthew 6:33 But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

God is saying, Listen once again, **I open My hand.** I SATISFY THE DESIRE of every living thing.

When you learn that GOD'S HAND is the SOURCE of your PROVISION, it changes everything. You're not afraid of anything else anymore.—*The LORD is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?* (Psalm 27:1) Because **the Lord** is my light. **HE** is my deliverance. **HE** is my salvation.

Jeremiah 17:14 says *“God, heal me and I shall be healed. Save me and I shall be saved. Deliver me and I shall be delivered.”* He's saying **He's our SOURCE and SUPPLY.** *“You may prepare the horse for battle, but victory comes from the Lord”* (Proverbs 21:31).

👉 So you start THINKING this way and you're thankful for what He's called you to STEWARD. It's what you're stewarding. It's not your job. It's not you paycheck. It's not your savings. It's not your RSVP. It's not social security or whatever they got. They'll probably eat it all up by the time you get there.—Thank God for the Holy Ghost. He will restrain you. So, I was about to go after some people.

📌 **GOD IS YOUR SUPPLY!**

## SEEKING THE KINGDOM means...

➡ **SEEKING the KING**

➡ **SEEKING the Mysteries and the Secrets of the KINGDOM OF GOD**

- ◆ The KINGDOM of GOD is growing big on the inside of us.
- ◆ The KINGDOM of GOD is expanding all over the world.
- ◆ The KINGDOM of GOD is the **KINGDOM of HEAVEN** which is **the place from which RESOURCES and SUPPLY come from.** What does it say? *“Look, turn your eyes toward the heavens where your help comes from. Lift your hands towards the heavens where your help your help comes from”.*

How many know our help comes from heaven? Comes from above.

PROMOTION comes from heaven, by the way. It doesn't come from the north, the south, the east, or the west. **PROMOTION comes from GOD.** That's why you

Promotion comes from heaven. Promotion comes from God. That's why we are not jealous of someone else's blessing. You don't get carnal that way. You rejoice and celebrate other people's victory. They might be in a different season than you. *Celebrate them right now.*

👉 *It's your season to PREPARE. It's your season to GERMINATE in the soil before anybody can see you.* But celebrate them—because *your day is coming. Your PROMOTION is coming. Your BLESSING is coming. Your SUPPLY is coming.*

We're moving into a season where God is bringing about greater measure of corporate SUPPLY into the KINGDOM of GOD—through the Kingdom of God into in more supply than ever. It's all God's. It's His intellectual property. It is all His supply.

How many know there's supply? How many know they're talking about so much wealth creation is going on now? wealth is multiplying at a rate that has never multiplied in the history of the world since its inception.—So GOD has to be involved because *it's all His wealth anyway. It's His intellectual property.* If they use their brain to develop it, if they study the universe, if they study the world—it's **God's** because HE owns all creation. *He owns the world, too. He owns everybody that dwells in it.* in other words, **It's all HIS— It's all HIS SUPPLY.**

**GOD NEEDS HIS CHURCH POSITIONED AND POSTURED IN A WAY  
THAT THEY CAN BE ENTRUSTED WITH GENUINE STEWARDSHIP  
AND THE SUPPLY OF HEAVEN.**

37:36

Everything in the KINGDOM is build on TRUST.

Proverbs 10:22 **The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.**

God wants to break the spirit of slavery off His people. God has not ...

Psalm 23:

We have to change our thinking. Our TRUST is in HIM.

Psalm 23:6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

We're trusting in what God is telling us

Key #3 - **PARTICIPATE**—IN GOD'S ECONOMY

We feed on the nutrients of His Word, His fresh bread. We change our actions with time.

HOW YOU PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S KINGDOM → You sow **SEED**

Psalm 126:5 *Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

When you sow everything that you got in your hand, that's *sowing in tears*. Those who sowed in tears, you'll reap with joy in this season. — By the way, normally when you sow in this season, you reap it in the next season. *There is a TIME GAP between sowing and harvesting.* — Only exception when you sow in the Glory of God's presence—where there is no time. There is seed harvest in the Glory, like Amos prophesied, where the sowers overtake the reapers. So you're planting seed, and you're harvesting it faster than those who planted seed long ago and they are here to harvest. And you're already harvesting, and you're harvesting more than they are harvesting. Because you step into A **SUPERNATURAL SUPPLY**. That's not your work. That's not your hands. That's the hand of God coming down and God miraculously bringing a supernatural supply into your hands

God saying, YOUR SEED IS NOT GOING TO WASTE.

Psalm 126:6 *He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

The one who continuously goes and sows. This person doesn't stop sowing. He's continuously sowing. He goes forth weeping. He's not somebody who just sowed one seed in tears. He trusts in God and keeps on sowing, "because **HEAVEN** is my supply. This is not my supply, **YOU ARE MY SUPPLY.**" —And sometimes you got to become bold in Kingdom things. You got to be filled with FAITH and TRUST. And you're like, "I'm seeking You. I'm putting You first. I'm obeying You. I'm going to sow." —The person is weeping, because what he's got he wants. He doesn't want it to be seed.

God is reminding some people today—you've sown some SEED. And your life doesn't look like the SEED that you've sown. But I'm telling you, *your life is about to change. Because the GOD OF SUPPLY is bringing SUPPLY into your life.*

**You go forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing.** It's a continual process. A lot of time people stop at some point. And it's not just financially, but in your life you stop doing the thing God's called you to do. Because you give up. "*It hasn't happened to me the way I thought it would.*" Or "*it hasn't happened to me as it happened to the other person.*" —That kind of thinking is a symptom of not TRUSTING in Him.

You come with tears because it was hard for you to sow, but you're coming back to sow again, but not in tears, but rejoicing. In other words, you have more than enough now. You move to another level of giving where you've more than enough and you can give to every good work. And you have supply for everything. It's a joy and a privilege to sow. No more tears but joy. You come dancing "*with sheaves with them.*" —Sheaves are HARVEST. You've harvested so much from your field, you're bringing the harvest in, you're excited because you have so much more harvest coming in. you broke through the cycle of sowing in tears to the cycle of reaping in joy.

You moved to that place that you now are used to ABUNDANCE. You have Abundance and you're sowing even more abundantly. And you have MORE ABUNDANCE. You don't move from tears to joy every time. You're going from joy to joy. Because you have ABUNDANCE.

*Testimony of Pastor Faisal*

**God wants you to TRUST HIM.** And He will make way for you.

*You got to participate and learn how to sow.* There's times when the results come right away. And there are times we...**XXX** —**Our SUPPLY comes from GOD.**

**God is the GOD OF SUPPLY.**

When your script changes, you will think and speak differently.

The subconscious mind is programmed to do ...**XXX**

All these things have to change on the INSIDE.

The only place to tithe in the Old Testament was the House of God.

It's a symbol of our covenant with God.

*James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

*James 5:2-4 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. 4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.*

Our money is testifying to God.

*PRAYER*

The tithe opens the heaven—the seed opens the doors.

God is saying, THERE IS SUPPLY

*Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),*