

**‘And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, you shall not go empty-handed.’
(Exodus 3: 21)**

One of the God’s names is Jehovah Jireh (Genesis 22:14). The Lord’s names reflect His nature, and this one is a promise that the Lord will provide. The Lord promised in Exodus 3 that the Israelites would not leave empty-handed. And this promise was fulfilled in Exodus 12. The Israelites asked the Egyptians for clothing, silver and gold jewellery and their request was granted. The Lord had granted the Israelites favour, and they received plunder from a battle they did not fight.

God’s provision did not stop there. While the Israelites walked through the wilderness, they did not have access to fresh water for three days, so they became desperately thirsty. When Moses cried out to the Lord on their behalf, the Lord gave the Israelites a way to make the bitter waters (not just neutral, but) sweet. Also, when they reached Elim, where they camped for a while, they found twelve wells of water, and seventy palm trees (Exodus 15:22-27).

Just from these few examples, it is clear that God provides, abundantly, through various means. Spend some time thanking God for the ways He has provided for you. Reflect on and pray for God’s provision over people in our community who may be struggling to make ends meet.

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