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*My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:2

There are situations in life when God really strips us bare and we suffer want even in regard to such matters as clothing, housing, and the like. But before very long, clothing has to be found; otherwise the very leaves would have to be plucked from the trees and become coats and cloaks for us to wear, just as it happened to the children of Israel in the wilderness, whose clothing and shoes remained intact (Deuteronomy 8:2, 4). So also the wild deserts became their houses and provided ways for them where there were no ways, and water where there was no water; indeed, stones became water for them.

God's Word stands fast which says, "He cares about you" (I Peter 5:7). What Paul says to Timothy is only too true: "God . . . richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy" (I Timothy 6:17).

Christ's own words in His Sermon on the Mount also apply here: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore do not be anxious" (Matthew 6:33–34). Such words must remain true and stand fast into all eternity.

It is quite a common sight that poor people and their children are better conditioned, and that their provisions seem to go further and to be more beneficial, than is the case with the wealthy and their rich supplies. In many ways we are reminded that earthly provisions are not the only matter of importance. God's Word nourishes all men.

*PRAYER: Lord Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, you have assured us that you will be with us always, even to the end of time. For this reason we now turn to you in the faith and conviction that you will always hear us, for your truth's sake. Amen.*

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