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## Provision Pt 1 God's provision – blessings now and mansions in heaven

This is a new study on the word “provision” in the scriptures, and in this our first teaching we establish three points which include – (1) provision requires preparation or forethought, (2) the Lord promised to bless the provision of Israel when they keep the law, and (3) the Lord Jesus died on the cross, and rose again from the dead to go and prepare (make provision for) a place for us.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

### 1. Provision requires preparation/forethought

“And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master...” (2 Kg.6: 23).

### 2. The Lord will bless the provision of Israel when they keep His covenant

“If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired [it] for his habitation. This [is] my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread” (Ps.132:12– 15).

### 3. The Lord Jesus died on the cross, and rose again from the dead to go and prepare (make provision for) a place for us.

“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you” (Jn.14: 2).

#### Illustration

So many in the body of Christ are apathetic in sharing Christ, in proclaiming the gospel, the good news of – “how Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1Cor.15: 2–4). Note –it was not two days he was in the grave, but three!! IF this good news message is true and results in provision by the Father on earth, and provision in heaven by the Son, why is there is such apathy? Because of spiritual blindness, and fear of man, and NO fear of God – (Ps.118: 6 & Heb.13: 6).

#### Question to think about.

What preparation can we do, what provision can we make that will impact our future and others?

#### Answer from the scriptures

Let us spend our time, helping others make provision for the here and now, and so be obedient to the scriptures, that God would bless our provision –that we can give more to our brethren, and the miniistry.

And let us go and tell others about what Christ has done! Use this Easter weekend as a provision from the Lord – (“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” – Eph 5:16) – a time to share Christ with family, and others you meet.

Let us tell the lost what comes after death, and so invest our time in proclaiming the gospel that others would know of the Father's provision upon them for obedience in this life, and Christ's provision for us in heaven – mansions bright and blessed!