

# GOD SHALL SUPPLY

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## INTRODUCTION

(Phil. 4:10-20)

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**TEXT:** *“And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee,...”* (Acts 18:9-10)

A. THE SETTING: Paul - As he entered Corinth.

1. He was alone, Silas had been left at one congregation...Timothy had been sent to Thessalonica.
2. He was broke, needed money and a job. (We sometimes forget the humanity of the apostles).
3. Physically - exhausted, walk of 50 miles from Athens to Corinth.
4. Spirit beaten down (I Cor. 2;1-3 Paul's arrival at Corinth).

B. It was about this period that Paul wrote the words of our text.

1. *“For I have learned, in whatever state I am, therein to be content.”*
2. *“I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me”*

C. Let's look at what happened in Corinth to see how God supplied all things needed for Paul.

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## AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

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A. HOW DID PAUL MEET THEM?

1. Put an add in the paper?
2. Went to the church building?

B. They had been expelled from Rome by Claudius because they were Jews.

1. Had to flee Rome....this was bad
2. But look what a blessing it turned out for both them and Paul.

C. Paul *“abode with them, and they wrought; (worked) for by their trade they were tentmakers”* v. 3.

1. Paul is no longer alone.
  2. No longer broke
  3. **God Has Supplied!**
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## Silas And Timothy Return

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A. Silas had remained with the young church at Berea and Timothy had been sent to Thessalonica.

1. Had returned with good news.
2. Timothy reported on the church at Thessalonica (see First and Second Thessalonians) and evidently brought financial relief from Macedonia (Acts 18;1-3).

B. Paul therefore “devoted himself to the word”

1. At this point we begin to see the growth of the church in Corinth.
  2. But with growth came problems.
  3. Let's see how God again Supplies.
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### Judgment Seat of Gallio

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- A. The unbelieving Jews bring charges against Paul.
    - 1. This is a scene that has been repeated many times.
    - 2. Paul thought he knew what to expect. (Philippi, Thessalonica, etc.)
  - B. Begins to make his defense ....interrupted by Gallio
    - 1. "If it were a matter of crime...I would hear"
    - 2. "But a question of names and you law...I refuse to hear"
    - 3. **Again God Supplied!**
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### BE NOT AFRAID

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- A. *"And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have much people in this city. And he dwelt there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."* (v. 9-11).
    - 1. "I am with you"
    - 2. **Again God Supplied.**
  - B. "I have much people in this city"
    - 1. Foreknowledge ...but not predestination.
    - 2. Paul continued in Corinth for a year and a half.
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### APOLLOS

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- A. WHO WAS HE? v. 24-26.
  - 1. An eloquent or learned man.
  - 2. Mighty in the Scriptures.
  - 3. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord.
  - 4. He was fervent
  - 5. He taught accurately the things of Jesus.
  - 6. He was bold.
- B. WHAT HE LACKED v. 25b.
  - 1. He lacked knowledge of the Great Commission.
  - 2. He lacked forgiveness of sins.
  - 3. He lacked the true baptism of Jesus. Mark. 16;15,16.
- C. WHAT HE DID vs 26b-28.
  - 1. He did not get angry
  - 2. He listened to further instruction.
  - 3. He was baptized for the right purpose
  - 4. He then preached the whole truth
  - 5. He was sent a letter of recommendation from the group in Ephesus to the church in Corinth.

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6. He helped the church in Achaia.

D. Note: I Cor. 1;12ff; 16:12; 3:6; 16:12; Tim. 3:13.

E. **Paul planted...Apollos watered... God gave the increase.**

**AGAIN GOD SUPPLIED!**

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### **CONCLUSION**

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A. Back to Philippians 4.

B. Vs. 19 “And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

C. **GOD WILL SUPPLY!**

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