



God Meeting Your Needs

Commentary for June 15, 2024 — Your Needs Are of Concern to God

God positions us, presents assignments and opportunities to us, and He has expectations for us. However, as our Father, God manages the various demands He puts upon us.

For example, in 1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV), the Apostle Paul says:

“There has no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer [allow] you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make A WAY TO ESCAPE, that you may be able to bear it.”

In the Book of Exodus, we read about Moses serving in an important role as Judge over the people from dusk till dawn. Though of great value, this was a draining task.

When Jethro, the priest of Midian, and father-in-law of Moses (Exodus 18:1, KJV)

“... saw all that he [Moses] did to the people, he said, ‘What is this thing that you do to the people? Why sit you yourself alone, and all the people stand by you from morning unto evening?’

And Moses said unto his father in law, ‘Because the people come unto me to enquire of YHWH: When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of YHWH, and his laws.’

And Moses’ father in law said unto him, ‘The thing that you do IS NOT GOOD. You wilt surely wear away, both you, and this people, that is with you: for this thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it yourself alone.

Hearken now unto my voice, I will give you counsel, and YHWH shall be with you: Be YOU for the people to God-ward, that YOU may bring the causes unto YHWH: And YOU shall

- [1] **teach them ordinances and laws, and shall**
- [2] **show them the way wherein they must walk, and**
- [3] **the work that they must do.”**

• Exodus 18:14–20 (KJV)

Jethro was impacted by what he observed: Moses single-handedly (although of course, with God) attempting to solely judge all of the people.

Possibly, this insight and impetus for discussion and intervention may have been prompted by God (to further meet Moses’ needs). The situation did not seem reasonable, nor sustainable. Jethro told Moses that he was barely managing the people of Israel from morning until evening. He described it as not ideal, nor good in any way. Jethro informed Moses would wear away from the responsibility and stress. He provided a caring, yet authoritative, response and counsel. Moses lived near Jethro for 40 years. They both knew that **“Moses was**

learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds” (Acts 7:22, KJV).

Yet in his old age, Jethro taught Moses how to help the people of Israel and ease his own burden of judging God’s people. Jethro continued speaking in Exodus 18:21:

‘Moreover, YOU shall provide out of all the people

- **able men, such as fear YHWH,**
- **men of truth, hating covetousness;**

and place such over them to be,

**rulers of thousands, and
 rulers of hundreds,
 rulers of fifties, and
 rulers of tens:**

And [YOU Moses] let THEM judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto you, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for yourself, and they shall bear the burden WITH you.

If YOU shall do this thing, and YHWH command you so, then [1] YOU shall be able to endure, and [2] all this people shall also go to their place in peace.’

So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.”

• ***Exodus 18:24–27 (KJV)***

Jethro’s solution was practical and simple. Moses put it into operation. The people had their needs addressed promptly, and new leaders received training to judge the people of Israel. Further, Moses was relieved of a heavy burden that exhausted him, and Jethro gave advice that helped his son-in-law, and all the people of Israel. No doubt it enhanced Jethro’s reputation in the surrounding lands.

God cares about our well-being. He is interested in our impact. He wants us to have longevity; engage in projects, and serve in roles that have sustainability, when they are in His will.

In [Chapter 14](#) of the *Essentials of New Testament Doctrine*, Dr. Ernest Martin wrote:

“... the Father has given Christ to the world as the divine microcosm (as God’s perfect standard) to teach us what His relationship is to all humanity. To know how and why the Father does what He does to humanity, whether actively or by consent, look at how the Father treated Christ on earth and how He treated Him after Christ returned to heaven. Christ is the model for all humanity. He is the single example that embraces all the experiences that God uses in dealing with humanity.”

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