

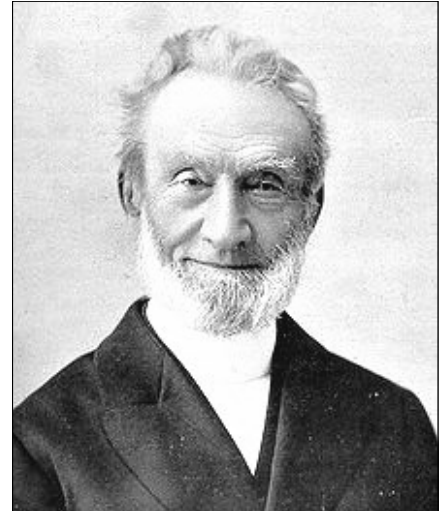
# *God is our Provider*

Today we think about how God promises to provide for our needs. But does he really provide for us? And can we really trust him to help us?

## **The amazing life of George Muller**

One person who was convinced that God would provide for his needs was George Muller, who lived in England during the nineteenth century. Although he spent his early years in rebellion against God, he was later converted and was radically changed by the power of God.

He decided to set up an orphanage in Bristol to care for street kids who had no one to care for them. But the amazing thing was that he decided he would not ask anyone for the money to do this. Instead he would simply ask God alone. Whenever there was a need with the orphanage he would turn to God in prayer. Over many years he kept a record in a diary of these prayers and of the remarkable ways in which God answered them.



An example of this was the time when the orphanage had run out of bread and milk, and one hundred children were sitting down ready to eat their breakfast. Except that there wasn't any breakfast. Muller prayed, as he always did before a meal: "Dear Father, we thank you for what you going to give us to eat." Just then there was a knock on the door. It was the baker, who had not been able to sleep the previous night because he felt sure God wanted him to bake bread for the orphanage. Then, almost immediately, came a second knock on the door. This time it was the milkman. His milk cart had broken down outside the orphanage and the milk could not be delivered to its intended recipients. To avoid wasting the milk the milkman offered it to the orphanage instead. The kids ended up having a nice breakfast after all.

You can learn more about this remarkable man in the video "George Muller" in today's Ampt lesson.

## **God's promises to us**

(1) Look at the page "Don't worry—God cares for you!" In your own words write down the promise God makes to us in Matthew 6:33 if we make it our first priority to do God's work and to follow his way of life?

(2) Look up James 1:17. What does this verse say is the source of every good thing in our lives?

(3) What do you think are some of the things we can thank God for providing?

One of the names of God in the Bible is Jehovah Jireh, which means "the Lord will provide" (Genesis 22:14). Listen to the song called Jehovah Jireh. The words of this song are based on Philippians 4:19 and other Bible verses. In this coming week are you willing to trust God to help you with the things you need?