



# THE MASTER'S COTTAGE

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## THE PATH OF PROVISION



After you've climbed up The Mystery Mountain and He's revealed marvelous mysteries to you, Jesus takes you to another special place in The Royal Garden — The Path of Provision.

You don't notice anything Royal about the path at first, but with each step you take you begin to see all the intricate details of His creation. Your eyes are opened to the glorious provision given for each ecosystem to thrive.

You walk in amazement as you actually realize how much more special He made you! And just as He's provided for the lush greenery, the mushrooms, the birds, the deer... He has given abundant provision for everything that you need too. He has vast Royal Storehouses full of resources and treasures designed to meet ALL of your needs! Stand here with God and ask Him to draw from His rich storehouse to directly supply whatever it is you may be needing.



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Your journey with Christ grows sweeter the more He reveals His nature to you. Your faith increases, and it becomes easier for you to trust in the promises of His Word. Don't ever stop pursuing the mysteries of His goodness. Like any other spot in the Royal Garden, you can return as often as you'd like. As for The Mystery Mountain, it's such a special place where wisdom is given and that's a key to making other areas of your faith journey a little bit easier!

Many people refer to the word faith, even unbelievers. But what is it? "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1). If you can see it, touch it, or feel it, then it ain't faith!

Through faith you draw from the well of wisdom given up on Mystery Mountain. Several mysteries you may be chasing are this: Who does God want you to be? What does He want you to be doing? How and where? You must be laser-focused on the answers He provides to you regarding these questions as you move forward on your journey.

This is important to remember when you fret over provision. Mankind has such a visual tendency and that makes faith all that much more difficult. We are visual creatures, and our sinful nature doesn't naturally live a life of faith! Think of Eve visually pursuing the fruit in the Garden of Eden, or David checking Bathsheba out on the roof. These were visual temptations that led to sin (Side note: be careful about the shiny objects that you chase!). And that's why faith — trust — is essential for the believer especially when it comes to provision.

Provision can be thought of as needs. And it doesn't have to take shape in the form of money. Yes, God knows you need money to pay your bills. But what about other needs that you may have? What about the need to matter, the need to belong, the need to feel secure, or the need for laughter and relationship? There's many needs that you may have. By the way, it's okay to be "needy"! God can handle them, and it actually gives God the most glory when you are depleted and you totally rely on Him!

If you find yourself with a scarcity view when it comes to provision — you know, the glass is half-empty kind of view — lean into one of His promises. Philippians 4:19 says: "And this same God who takes care of me **will supply** all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ".

What needs do you have that can be brought to your Savior? Remember the path He has ordained for you. The King of the Universe will meet these needs according to His abilities and resources. And nothing is impossible with God.

Since God's path clearly has everything, you may briefly wonder why all your requests have not been answered. God sees a bigger picture and knows how one request affects others. As humans, we can never understand how all the world's requests intertwine like God does. We know He has a perfectly timed plan so we must rely on faith. In other words, you must TRUST God to provide the right thing for meeting your needs. He will never fail you or let you down. He will always be right on time and if you wait patiently for His answer, you will receive a greater blessing than you could have imagined. Remember that you are in an intimate relationship with God and TRUST is required. Do you trust God completely?

Resist the temptation to rush ahead of God or try to force things in order to supply your "lack of provision." These moments can be a crisis of belief and you might be tested to see if you will truly have faith to wait on Him and rely on the provision He's perfectly ordained for you.