

Our Sufficiency is God

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I. Introduction.

A. You can be in church and around Christians for a long time and never be a Christian.

1. The song “Do you know Jesus?” is something that Jesus would have us all consider.
2. There is always someone in the crowd who is absolutely sure that Jesus is their Savior.
3. We are the most fragile people. Since we are a heartbeat from eternity we all must be sure of our own relationship with Christ. It is the most urgent thing.

C. We are all sinners and know that we are not sufficient of God.

1. Recommending: *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer.
2. Recommending: *My Heart Cries Home* by Dr. Munger

D. It is very difficult for God to convince us that He is sufficient. (2 Corinthians 3:5)

1. Think of all the things that have worried you this week.
2. If it was true that we were really reliant upon God’s sufficiency, we would not have so many worries.

IV. The sufficiency of God demonstrated through the call of Moses. (Exodus 3)

A. The bush burned but was not consumed with fire. (Exodus 3:2)

1. When people see the winds of adversity blow upon the believer’s life and see him still standing, it is a testimony to God’s power and grace.

B. God reveals himself to Moses. (Exodus 3:6)

1. There will come a point in your life when God almighty will reveal himself to you and it will be all consuming in your life.

C. God shares His heart with Moses. (Exodus 3:7)

1. When the winds of adversity do blow upon your life, God knows your sorrows and is in there with you.
2. God wants to do something about delivering these people.

D. God has come down to deliver the people. (Exodus 3:8)

E. God declares that He will send Moses unto Pharaoh. (Exodus 3:10)

1. Moses responds by asking why he is the one who is sent.
2. One is maturing when he or she begins to ask this question.
3. God's method is people—He has to find someone who is willing to let him work through.

F. Moses reacts. (Exodus 3:11)

1. Moses asks, who am I to do this?
2. God has heard this response before (Jeremiah, Gideon).
3. God does not bother to answer the question directly.

G. God responds by telling Moses that He will be with him.

1. The point is not who you are but that God will be with you.
2. God assures him of his presence and guidance.
3. God is not only sufficient, He is there.

H. I AM has sent you (Exodus 3:14)

1. I AM whatever it is you need in life.
 - a. A fill in the blank statement.
2. What do you need? Comfort? Strength? Victory? Forgiveness? God is whatever you need in life. If there is any need "I AM the answer" to that need.

V. How the sufficiency of God can be real in every moment of life.

A. We must have a life of faith. (Hebrews 11:6)

1. God has not gone to sleep in the midst of your problems. (Psalm 121:3)
 - a. Example of a daughter trusting her captain father in a tempest.
 - b. The fact that she knew her father was on the deck gave her enough peace to lay her head down on the pillow again—that is faith.
3. When put in difficult situations we begin to doubt his power and his love.
4. We must have faith that God is love and that He is almighty; our father is "on the deck."
5. We must praise God. (Psalm 119:164)
 - a. David praised God seven times a day.

b. Many only praise God once a week.

B. We must follow the Lord closely. (Psalm 119:1-2, 30-31, 59)

1. Blessed are those that follow in the ways of the Lord.

2. If you and I are to experience the sufficiency of God we must follow him closely instead of going our own ways.

a. Example of the song writer of “Come Thou Fount.”

b. We are all “prone to wander.”

3. We face three common enemies: the allurements of the world, the temptations of the world, the corruptions of our own flesh.

a. Solution to the world: stay close to Jesus day by day in fellowship with him.

b. Solution to the flesh: flee.

1) Solitude often breeds temptation.

2) When Eve was tempted she was sitting under the very tree that God said to stay away from alone.

3) One of the first things that God did when he created the world was to separate the light from darkness. There will be no darkness in heaven and no light in heaven. (Genesis 1:4)

4) Our life is a vapor, so we should live in the light of heaven.

c. Solution to the devil: the Word of God.

1) Jesus battled the devil by quoting the Bible: “It is written.” (Matthew 4).

2) When you encounter the devil, don’t run. Quote!

3) Greater is he that is in you then he that is in the world.

C. Faithfulness in the Basics.

1. Morning prayer.

a. To abandon morning prayer is to declare independence from God and sufficiency of self.

b. Faithfulness is a way of expressing our absolute confidence in the sufficiency of God and not of ourselves.

2. Others basics: deepening our love for him, developing a quiet time, etc.

Application

1. In what areas of life do you find yourself insufficient?

2. Are there areas where you are only pretending to be sufficient in? _____ Explain:

3. Which presentation of God's sufficiency in the life of Moses stood out the most?

4. How are the three methods of making the sufficiency of God real at every moment related to one another? _____

How are they different?

5. Which method struck you the most?

6. How can you be encouraged to apply this to your life?
