

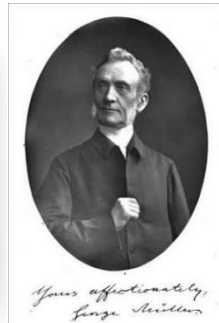
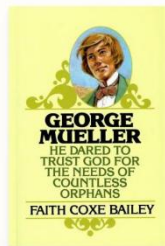
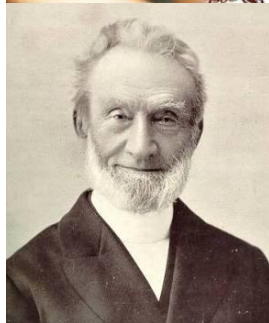
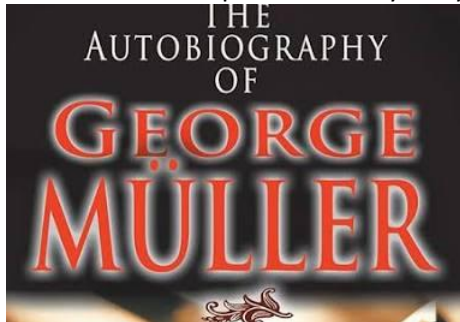
THE GOD WHO PROVIDES

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There are many gods in the world, for example India has 330 million. Pagan gods promise much but deliver little. God is described in the Holy Bible as one who knows our needs, answers prayer and meets our needs. He has many descriptive and wonderful names, which describe his character and ability. One of them is Jehovah-Jireh - Genesis 22:1-15

● Jehovah- Jireh...the Lord our Provider

George Mueller lived in England in the 1800's when atheists and skeptics abounded. As a dedicated Christian, George set out to prove to the world that not only was God alive, but he was able to meet our needs. He started an orphanage in England and purposed to never ask for money from people or even mention any of his needs to run the orphanage. He became a man of great faith and prayer due to the fact that he read the whole Bible 200 times! His life inspired me in my early missionary days and led me to never ask for money.



George Müller (1805-1898) was a German-born English evangelist and philanthropist, renowned for his work with orphans and his unwavering faith in prayer. He established an orphanage in Bristol, England, and is known for operating it solely on the basis of prayer and donations, without ever soliciting funds.

(the English version of his name is Mueller)

Early Life and Conversion:

- Born in Kroppenstedt, Prussia, Mueller's early life was marked by dishonesty and a lack of spirituality. He was a thief, liar, and gambler in his youth. At the age of 14, while his mother was dying, he was gambling and drinking. His father wanted him to become a clergyman. While studying divinity, he attended a Christian house meeting and began reading the Bible, which led to his conversion. He renounced his sinful life and began preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Work with Orphans:

Mueller's life took a turn towards philanthropy when he felt called to care for orphans. He established the Ashley Down orphanage in Bristol, which eventually housed over 10,000 orphans. He provided education and vocational training for the children, aiming to prepare them for independent lives. **His work was entirely funded by God's provision through prayer, with no appeals for financial support.** Over his lifetime, more than 10,000 orphans lived in his care, and he established 117 schools.

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- **Missionary Work:**
From the age of 70 to 90, Mueller embarked on missionary journeys, traveling over 200,000 miles to preach the gospel in various countries. He was fluent in English, French, and German, and his sermons were translated when necessary.
- **Legacy:**
George Mueller's life is a testament to the power of prayer and faith, inspiring many to trust in God's provision. His work with orphans continues to be an example of compassionate care and effective ministry. His story is a powerful illustration of what can be accomplished through faith and reliance on God. His example is also a rebuke to the religious hucksters who make pitiful pleas for money which are more about their own lifestyle enhancement than the needs of the lost, the poor and the hurting
- One of my favorite stories of Mueller was when the orphans sat down for the meal but there was no food to give them. As George prayed to thank God for the food (which wasn't there), there was a knock on the door. It was the driver of a bread truck who said they had extra bread that day and could the orphanage use it? Also, the local milkman's truck broke down by the orphanage, so the driver gave the milk to orphanage. God had provided again.
- One practice I adopted from Mueller was to walk and pray the Word of God. It is a way to bring faith and variety to my prayer life. Talk with God about His Word as you walk. As we have seen thus far in our study about money and practical needs, God is not only our source, but he is also a good provider. See you in our next lesson where we will discuss abundance. - jb under JC
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"The longer I live, the more I am enabled to realize that I have but one life to live on earth, and that this one life is but a brief life, for sowing, in comparison with eternity, for reaping." - George Mueller

'Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Jesus / Matthew 6:19-21