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### Principles for Spiritual Life (Part Three)

**First Principle: He's God and We're Not.**

**Second Principle : God Doesn't Need Us But We Desperately Need Him.**

**Third Principle: What God Demands, He Supplies.**

#### I. An Old Testament Illustration:

*"Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love." Gen. 22:2*

*"Abraham called the place "The Lord will provide." Gen 22: 14 (Jehovah Jireh)*

A. We can sum up the whole story in three short phrases:

1. God **Saw**.
2. God **Demanded**.
3. God **Provided**.

*"With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?" Micah 6:6-7*

*"Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them' although the law required them to be made." Hebrews 10:8*

#### II. The New Testament Fulfillment

*"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)*

**First**, He is **God's** lamb sent from heaven to earth.

**Second**, He is God's lamb offered for our **sins**.

**Third**, He is God's lamb who rolls away the sins of the **world**.

#### III. The Eternal Truth

A. There is something in God that causes him to **provide** whatever we need to meet his righteous **demands**.

B. Here is the whole gospel in three simple statements:

1. God said, "**Do** this."
2. We said, "We **can't**."
3. God said, "Alright. **I'll** do it for you."

*“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.” (Micah 7:18)*

IV. Two simple applications:

A. If God has provided all that we need, then we must **reach** out and **receive** what he offers.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)*

*“Taste and see that the LORD is good.” (Psalm 34:8)*

*“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.’”  
Isaiah 1:18*

B. If we have **experienced** God’s free grace, we ought to respond with profound **gratitude**.