



**(Psalms 103:19)** "The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all."

**(Colossians 2:3)** "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

**(Numbers 23:19)** "'God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?'"

sailors didn't get off duty; they had to go work for their food. Whatever they could scrounge out of the local economy was what they lived on for the next several days. Sometimes they went hungry.

This is a gentle reminder that all of us tend to be discontented.

"Give me neither poverty nor riches," wrote the wise man Agur, "but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown You and say, 'Who is the Lord?' " (Proverbs 30:8-9).

Agur recognized the risk of relying on his own riches. But he also grasped the practical dangers inherent in being destitute. "I may become poor and steal," he added, "and so dishonour the name of my God" (v.9). A man who is starving is likely to steal just so he can eat. I can't imagine the temptations those Russian sailors must have faced to take what wasn't theirs.

Whatever your economic situation, it's likely you have what you need today. And if you don't, you've got God's unfailing promise to take care of you (Matthew 6:30-32).

Let's give God praise for what He has—and hasn't—given us.

#### REFLECTION

- According to Agur what's the danger of riches
- Have my riches caused me to ignore God? How can I change this?
- What five things am I especially thankful for today?

**Christ calls us to contentment.**

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## CENTRAL MOUNTAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### **Information for Visitors.**

- \* We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- \* a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

### Fit for a King

Jason hated Navy basic training. The open bays with 32 sailors to a room made privacy a joke. The early wake up calls were painful! And complaining about the bland Navy chow was a time-honoured tradition.

But Jason noticed that Ujen, a Russian immigrant .., never did any complaining—not even about the food.

"Hey Ujen!" he asked. "How come you never whine about the chow? This is the fourth time this week we've had an unidentifiable substance pretending to be meat." "Because," Ujen replied, loading up another forkful, "I am eating like an admiral."

Ujen explained that he had been drafted into the Russian Navy at age 18. Each ship was tasked with acquiring its own food. When his vessel would pull into port, the





## Soaring: Contentment

**(Isaiah 40:31)** "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

The three passages in the Scripture that deal with contentment answer two practical questions regarding contentment:

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ I be content?

#### ◆ Philippians 4:10-14

**(2 Corinthians 11:24-28)** "From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. {25} Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; {26} in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; {27} in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness; {28} besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches."



#### ◆ 1 Timothy 6:6-10

◆ **(Hebrews 13:5)** "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you.""

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ I be content?

#### ◆ Philippians 4:12-13

#### ◆ 1 Timothy 6:3-6

**(Hebrews 13:5)** "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

## The discontented sheep

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God is not enough for me



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I need something more

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I fear it won't happen my way

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What I wanted to happen didn't happen

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It will never happen the way I want

## The contented sheep

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God is sufficient for me



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I need nothing more

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God is in control. His plans are good. He loves me.

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