

Cross thought.

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God promises to supply our daily needs for food and water.

God promised Noah after the worldwide flood that the cycles of seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, would never finish. And they never have.

We should not be surprised by that. God always does what He says He will do. Sadly, we don't always share what He gives.

This picture I took of a folele seller near my home in Khartoum Bahri reminds me of many delicious breakfasts made from the cooked beans, with either added onions or cheese or tomato or some other tasty things.

God gives so generously, even to people who do not stop to thank Him. The rain falls on all people, the good and the bad. Everyone can drink, wash and water their seeds planted in the ground. God's gifts are for everyone without distinction.

The sun shines its life giving rays on all planted crops to make them grow. God does not choose to help only the good people and reject the badly behaved. I am so glad He does not do that, because I would be in trouble!

I try to thank God for His generous gifts of food and water for life, just before I eat every meal. It is a good reminder for me. God gives me more than I ever deserve.

When Jesus died on the cross of Calvary He did not deserve what happened to Him. Jesus loved sinful people so much that *He took on Himself* the separation from God that we all deserved because of our sin. I don't deserve to receive that kind of love! But I have received it. Jesus died in my place. I can really live before God – because of Jesus.

“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”, Romans 6:23.

Have you remembered to say, “Thank you” to Him? Thank God for the practical things of this life, and thank God we are made ready in the Saviour Jesus for our real life, still to come.