

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

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We've all seen the ads that say: "Come to our big sale and get _____
_____ (while supplies last).

We know what **"while supplies last"** means. Only a certain number of that item is on hand for sale or give-away. The offer might last for an hour, a day, or a week, but the supply of the item could be exhausted if enough customers show up to take advantage of the offer. If there is a supply of 50 hats on sale, and you are buyer number 51, you will not get a hat because the supply was exhausted. You can't scream or sue because the ad warned you that the sale would continue only "while supplies last." It can be frustrating to have your heart set on purchasing a product, only to discover that the supply was exhausted before you arrived.

When it comes to God's blessings, Christians do not have to deal with such worries. Imagine Ephesians 1:3 saying, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (while supplies last)." Thankfully, Paul did not write those last three words, and what a difference it makes! God wants us to feel confident that his spiritual storehouse of blessings is limitless – it's always full. In Malachi's day, God challenged Israel to bring their tithes and offerings and test Him to pour out "such blessings that there will not be room enough to receive it." {3: 10} He gives His blessings in a "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over." {Luke 6:38}

According to Paul, God can do even more than what we can ask for or need. {Ephesians 3:20} God knows what we need even before we ask Him. {Matthew 6:8} Who would wish to put limits on His ability? Besides all this, God will always keep His promises! And His supplies will never be exhausted! Yet, don't make the mistake that the children of Israel made thinking all blessings would come no matter if they obeyed Him or not! Yes, God has unlimited blessings for those who do His commandments, Matthew 7:21-23. Follow Him and receive full blessings. ***