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[English, be short of, not have, be deficient in, need, require, Opposite of, have]

- Yehowah God's blessing promised Israelites a land that would lack in nothing, where plenty would abound.
- A land in which you will not eat bread with scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land the stones of which are iron and out of the mountains of which you will mine copper. (Deuteronomy 8:9)
- When you come in, you will come to an unsuspecting people, and the land is quite wide, for God has given it into your hand, a place where there is no lack of any sort of thing that is in the earth.

  (Judges 18:10)
- A Levite man was treated hospitably by his host, he not lacking a single thing.
- And there are both straw and fodder for our he-asses, and there are both bread and wine for me and your slave girl and for the attendant with your servant. There is no lack of a single thing. (Judges 19:19)
- However, the old man said; May you have peace! Just let any lack of yours be upon me. Only do not stay overnight in the public square. (Judges 19:20)
- Eliphaz showed that the wicked ones die for lack of wisdom.
- Has not their tent cord within them been pulled out? They die for lack of wisdom. (Job 4:21)
- David showed that he was like a sheep in Yehowah God's sheepfold, and that as such, he lacked nothing.
- Yehowah is my Shepherd. I shall lack nothing. (Psalms 23:1)
- Fear Yehowah, you holy ones of his, for there is no lack to those fearing him. (Psalms 34:9)

- The Psalmist showed that even maned young lions sometimes go hungry, but that those seeking Yehowah God will lack nothing good.
- The maned young lions themselves have had little on hand and gone hungry, but as for those seeking Yehowah, they will not lack anything good. (Psalms 34:10)
- There exists a man who is swept away for lack of judgment.
- Plowed ground of persons of little means yields a great deal of food, but there exists the one that is swept away for lack of judgment. (Proverbs 13:23)
- The lack of population is the ruin of a high official.
- In the multitude of people there is an adornment of a king, but in the lack of population is the ruin of a high official. (Proverbs 14:28)
- The congregator asked for whom was he working hard and causing his soul to lack in good things.
- There exists one, but not a second one, also no son or brother does he have, but there is no end to all his hard work. Also, his eyes themselves are not satisfied with riches. And for whom am I working hard and causing my soul to lack in good things? This too is vanity, and it is a calamitous occupation. (Ecclesiastes 4:8)
- Jehovah's Witnesses will likewise be led away into exile among the nations for lack of knowledge, because they rejected the Son of Man, and the understanding Yehowah provided only through his Son of Man. Instead they looked to their self-appointed Governing Body, their glory, men who are now merely famished men.
- Their Great Crowd will remain parched from lack of waters of spiritual truth, for they are following the spiritually blind, famished men, who will lead them only into a wilderness to die. The famine has begun, and they must now look to the Greater Joseph for true food.
- Therefore my people will have to go into exile for lack of knowledge, and their glory will be famished men, and their crowd will be parched with thirst. (Isaiah 5:13)

- Jeremiah showed that when Jerusalem fell those killed quickly were better off than those lacking the food to sustain themselves, who starved slowly.
- Better have those slain with the sword proved to be than those slain by famine, because these pine away, pierced through for lack of the produce of the open field. (Lamentations 4:9)
- So because they lacked faith in Jesus, due to their stumbling over already knowing him, he did only a few powerful works among them.
- And he did not do many powerful works there on account of their lack of faith. (Matthew 13:58)
- Indeed Jesus himself wondered about their lack of faith, for they surely heard about the things he had done in other areas. Then he went about all the villages in that area teaching in a circuit.
- Indeed, he wondered at their lack of faith. And he went round about to the villages in a circuit, teaching. (Mark 6:6)
- Objectively today, looking back through Israelite history, there were many who failed to appreciate God's superior ways, and come to love his divine principles. Would their lack of faithfulness somehow make the loving-kindness and loyalty of God, null and void? No, but it would actually magnify it!
- What, then, is the case? If some did not express faith, will their lack of faith perhaps make the faithfulness of God without effect? (Romans 3:3)
- God's word to Abraham was all he required to know, that it would come about, he did not waver in a lack of faith. That is faith! It is trusting in Yehowah's promises, like we already had seen it done.

Faith is forward looking.
Ever advancing
Watching for its queue.
Its trusting in the things
Yehowah promises
Like we already knew.

But because of the promise of God he did not waver in a lack of faith, but became powerful by his faith, giving God glory

## (Romans 4:20)

- They exercised a lack of faith in God, thus not producing the required fruitage of good spiritual values. They could not, and did not, keep the Law Covenant faithfully. As a result of this lack of faith, they were broken off as fruit bearing branches, because they bore no fruit. Is this a reason for the Christians, that replace them, to have lofty ideas about themselves.
- The other branches were broken off, because they did not produce the desired fruitage, yet even more will be expected of anointed Christians, who through the love of the spirit of God, need to obey the precepts and principles of the Law Covenant even more closely. Yes, quit having lofty ideas!
- All right! For their lack of faith they were broken off, but you are standing by faith. Quit having lofty ideas, but be in fear. (Romans 11:20)
- Now Paul refers back to the Jews, not the exact same ones who failed, for they are dead now, but to further Jews who have come forth since, that God is able to graft such natural or garden olive branches back into the fatness of the garden olive tree even more easily, than Gentile Christians were grafted in originally.
- Thus Paul is showing, not that this will happen, but, if they do not take to heart God's undeserved kindness toward them, that he could easily turn back and graft further Jews into this tree.
- Thus Paul lays strong encouragement to all Gentile anointed Christians, to really take to heart the principles of the Law Covenant, and live them daily, thus producing fine fruitage through their love of the spirit, thus fulfilling the Law Covenant. For the branches can produce nothing, unless they draw life from the olive's root of fatness.
- They also, if they do not remain in their lack of faith, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. (Romans 11:23)
- Christian couples are encouraged not to be depriving each other of sex, unless they both agree, and even then, it is only to be for an appointed time, so that they may devote time to other spiritual pursuits and to prayer. This will keep them from being overly tempted by Satan the Devil, to commit adultery for their own lack of self-regulation..

- Do not be depriving each other of it, except by mutual consent for an appointed time, that you may devote time to prayer and may come together again, that Satan may not keep tempting you for your lack of self-regulation. (1 Corinthians 7:5)
- Parts of our bodies that are comely to begin with, we feel do not need anything. Are we not covered with skin to cover up rather necessary, but disgusting looking organs and flesh? Are not the eyes beautiful of their own self? Does the human body then really lack anything it needs?
- Whereas our comely parts do not need anything. Nevertheless, God compounded the body, giving honor more abundant to the part which had a lack. (1 Corinthians 12:24)
- Paul now refers to his own wicked course of the past, when he persecuted the congregation of God, and he blasphemed those who are now his Christian brothers in the faith. Truly then, he was an insolent man. Nevertheless, he was shown mercy, because at the time he was ignorant of God's will and purpose for him and all others, and thus, did not see the value of the Christ within God's grand purpose, for he was lacking in faith.
- Although formerly I was a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent man. Nevertheless, I was shown mercy, because I was ignorant and acted with a lack of faith. (1 Timothy 1:13)
- Paul also asks Titus to supply Zenas, who is versed in the Law Covenant and Apollos, for their trip to him, that they might not be lacking in anything.
- Carefully supply Zenas, who is versed in the Law, and Apollos for their trip, that they may not lack anything. (Titus 3:13)
- Therefore Paul concludes by saying, that they could not enter into his rest in the Promised Land, because they lacked faith. Anointed Christians have been treated similarly to fine things through the spirit of God today, and they can also only enter into God's great day of rest, through their faith
- So we see that they could not enter in because of lack of faith. (Hebrews 3:19)