

# Psalms 145:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

## Analysis

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**The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.** Universal dependence on divine providence—*einei-khol* (עֵינֵי-כֹל) "the eyes of all"—all creatures look expectantly to God for sustenance. The verb *yěsabberu* (יִשְׁבְּרוּ) "wait/hope" conveys eager anticipation, confident expectation. This echoes Psalm 104:27-28, portraying creation's utter dependence on God's provision.

**Thou givest them their meat in due season** (*ve'attah noten-lahem et-okhlam be'itto*, וְאַתָּה נוֹתֵן-לָהֶם אֶת-אֲכָלָם בְּעִתּוֹ)—*be'itto* (בְּעִתּוֹ) "in its time" emphasizes God's perfect timing, neither early nor late. Jesus taught disciples to pray "give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11) and trust God's provision like birds of the air (Matthew 6:26), applications of this psalm's principle.

## Historical Context

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Agricultural societies understood seasonal dependence acutely—rain must come at the right time, harvest at the proper season. Israel's covenant blessings included timely rains (Deuteronomy 11:14), while curses included drought and failed harvests. This verse assured believers that God faithfully provides according to His wisdom.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How can daily dependence on God for provision guard against both anxiety and presumption?
2. What does it mean to 'wait' for God's provision rather than frantically striving or passively assuming?
3. How should believers balance working diligently with trusting God's provision 'in due season'?

## Interlinear Text

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עֵינַי	כָּ ל	אֵלַי יָבֹא	יִשְׁכְּבֵהוּ	וְאַתָּה ה	נֹתֵן	לָהֶם
<b>The eyes</b>	H3605	H413	<b>of all wait</b>	H859	<b>upon thee and thou givest</b>	H1992
H5869			H7663		H5414	
אֹתָם	אֲכָלָם	בְּעֵתוֹ:				
H853	<b>them their meat</b>	<b>in due season</b>				
	H400	H6256				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 136:25** (Parallel theme): Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

**Psalms 104:27** (Parallel theme): These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

**Acts 17:25** (Parallel theme): Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

**Matthew 6:26** (Parallel theme): Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

**Luke 12:24** (Parallel theme): Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

**Genesis 1:30** (Parallel theme): And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

**Psalms 104:21** (Parallel theme): The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

**Joel 2:22** (Parallel theme): Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

**Psalms 145:9** (Parallel theme): The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.