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Book Reviews



Alexander, J. (2016). *The God guarantee: Finding freedom from the fear of not having enough*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books. 224 pp. \$14.99. ISBN 9780801075285

In this book, Alexander Jackson discusses how to find freedom from the fear of not having enough. The foreword is written by Timothy Keller, who recognizes the book as insightful and a book that will “bring you to your knees” (p. 17). Jackson calls out those that feel they never have enough, or those that constantly feel that God should help in the times of need. The author uses the Last Supper as a basis for the book. “Jesus *took* the bread, he *blessed* it, he *broke* it, and he *gave* it” (p. 34). He uses these four key verbs to illustrate his points.

The book is laid out into four parts: Capacity, Consecration, Challenges, and Community. In part one, Jackson helps the reader understand God’s capacity. He uses aspects of creation, to demonstrate how Christians need to see the capacity that God places in each thing and person for His purpose and glory. Once a person understands this capacity, they can recognize certain capacity killers. Part two discusses how to understand consecration and the path that leads to it. In part three, Jackson describes instances when God brings challenges our way and discusses how we can grow in those challenges. Lastly, part four discusses the important role that community plays in God’s provision and our role within that community as servants.

Jackson concludes each part with questions to evaluate themselves in each area discussed. After the conclusion, there is a section for the reader to tally their scores from the evaluation questions. Also, within this section is a website for the reader to post their score and receive an encouraging word from the author. Overall, this book stretches the reader to think about their relationship and dependence upon God. It demonstrates how Christians take for granted the providence of God as they find freedom from their fear of not having enough.

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