

Matthew 6:11 “Daily Bread”

Jesus exposes the essence of the scribes' heresy. To them, the law was really only a matter of **external performance**, never the heart. Jesus says what is in your heart matters... and what matters to God matters and **"MATTERS OF THE HEART"...** MATTER!

Religion is the epitome of external performance... Jesus was all about intimacy with God... even this glorious example of prayer was never about reciting the same thing over and over without it producing a closeness with God.

LAST WEEK JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY...¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Both in the future and in the present. In me, in your church and in the world. Constantly living in the light of His eminent return... Jesus tells us to **Be Watchful: Be Cautious: Be Awake: Be Active!!!**

As we look at our nation's loss of morality; the lies and deceit of politics, attending funerals of loved ones, loss of jobs, diagnosis of cancer and illness... we all pray, "YOUR KINGDOM COME!" followed by the 2nd to the last verse of the Bible, "AMEN, COME, LORD JESUS" Rev. 22:20 so praying "your Kingdom come"... Keeps us eternally minded!

Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Hebrew thought structure demands that we understand both **"your kingdom come"** and **"your will be done"** in direct light of **"HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME"**. If we truly believe God is **everywhere present Omnipresent**, all powerful **Omnipotent** and all knowing **Omniscience** we would always want **HIS KINGDOM** and **HIS WILL** to be done!

Should not all our prayers end with **"your Kingdom... your will"**

"PRAY! Matthew 6 verse 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: *Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.¹¹ **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.**¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

As we have seen, the prayer is divided into 6 petitions. **ARE FOR GOD** – “YOUR NAME,” “your kingdom,” “YOUR WILL.” And **are for us** – “GIVE US,” “forgive us,” “LEAD US NOT ... BUT DELIVER US.” “HALLOWED BY YOUR NAME” interprets and controls this whole prayer.

GOD FIRST, MAN SECOND. His glory before our wants or needs

Now permission is given... given with great love and concern from our heavenly daddy... SUPPLICATION... praying for personal needs.

INTERCESSION... standing in the gap and praying for the needs of others.

GIVE US...

Notice Jesus did not pray, “Give Me My bread,” but “Give us our bread.” There are no singular pronouns in the Lord’s Prayer. It reminds us that we are one body... We are affirming our solidarity with our brothers and sisters.

[Romans 12 verse 15](#) Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another.

There’s wonderful, continual intercession when a person prays, “Our Father, give us this day, forgive us our debts, lead us not into temptation.”

THIS DAY...

Give us *this day*—not this month, not this year. Why does the Lord want us to pray day by day? How about Lord I’m asking for this week... or Jesus can you cover me for this whole month? Why do I have to make my bed... I’m just going to sleep in it again.

PRAYING FOR DAILY needs keeps us in PRAYER DAILY... Our greatest need is to be at His feet.

If the Father gave things to us on a monthly basis, we wouldn’t pray very frequently. The Lord wants you and me to come before Him every day. Is it because He’s on an ego trip? No. Is it because He has need of us? **No.**

Because we have need of Him. He is our Bread.

OUR DAILY BREAD.

DAILY ... Seems simple enough... the problem lies in the fact that this is the only occurrence of this word in Greek Literature. The best linguists can come up with is that it means "Today's bread" or "tomorrow's bread"

If this prayer is offered in the morning, it is a prayer for the needs of the day. If it is prayed in the evening, it is a prayer for the needs of the next day. Nevertheless it our daily joy to seek our heavenly daddy for **OUR DAILY BREAD**.

BREAD When Jesus says **bread**, He means real bread, as in the sense of daily provisions. Early theologians allegorized this, because they couldn't imagine Jesus speaking about an everyday thing like bread in such a majestic prayer like this. They believed it to be the bread of communion... Jerome called it **PANEM NOSTRUM SUPERSUBSTANTIALEM** or **super substantial bread**. Bread that is more than physical. They felt as though the first part of the prayer was completely selfless and now to pray for bread seemed so selfish and materialistic. Calvin rightly said of such interpretations which fail to see God's interest in the mundane: "This is exceedingly absurd." God *does* care about everyday things.

So, despite all the their spiritualizing, this petition means exactly what it says. **GOD WANTS US TO PRAY FOR PHYSICAL PROVISION.**

In the ancient world bread was the staple of life. We are praying for our needs not our wants. **Necessities of life**... We are to pray for bread, **not dessert!**

One of the worst heresies that has ever entered the church is the idea that God intends all to be healthy and wealthy. Misusing verses like **Psalm 37 verse 4** "Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart." Oh Lord won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz.

This is not the intention of the Lord's Prayer... **Necessities of life**... We are to pray for daily necessities... not for our wallets to overflow with \$.

Our needs are a big deal to our God... nothing is little to God because it's not little to us. Your pain becomes his pain.

Hebrews 4 verses 15 For we do not have a **HIGH PRIEST** who cannot **SYMPATHIZE** with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin.

High Priest could only sympathize based upon

1. Scope of his suffering
2. Intensity of his suffering

No so with our King... He understands... completely and totally... that is why verse 16 goes on to say ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Again, Daily dependence! Not independence!

Whether we are rich or poor, God wants us to depend upon him "DAILY." He wants us all to pray for our DAILY needs, and he wants us to DAILY thank him.

SO OUR SWEET HEAVENLY FATHER "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD."

In their midst **Jesus** "The Bread of Life" was speaking.

John 6:33 For the **bread of** God is He who comes down from heaven and gives **life** to the world."

John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the **bread of life**. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 **I am the living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, **which I shall give for the life of the world.** **Remember...** In the ancient world bread was the staple of life. Jesus is saying that He contains all the nutrients, fiber, minerals, protein, and vitamins we'll ever need. Feed on Him. He'll be to you a source of strength and satisfaction.

John 6:51 I am the living **bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats **of** this **bread**, he will live forever; and the **bread** that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the **life of** the world."

This is one of the great 7 "I AM" statements in the gospel of John

1. I am the light...
2. I am the door...
3. I am the good shepherd
4. I am the resurrection and the life
5. I am the way the truth and the life
6. I am the true vine

And here, "**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**" What an amazing declaration... again fulfilling prophesy... As Jesus, The bread of life was born in **Bethlehem**, "the house of bread" and spoken of by the prophet **Micah chapter 5 verse 2** " *But you, Bethlehem Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.*"

Again verse 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

But here's the question, *Are you hungry for what Jesus offers?* **Materialism** is not on the menu. Jesus serves up spiritual growth, and strength, and satisfaction.

GET WHAT YOU WANT BUT WHEN YOU GET IT YOU WILL WANT MORE. Spiritual needs are never satisfied with physical stuff... Remember, cotton candy Christianity... melts sweet in your mouth and then it's gone... Chinese food, eat it now and shortly following you will **be hungry again...** this is the world... **TEMPORARY AND UNFULFILLING.**

Psalm 34:8 Oh, **taste** and **see** that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

The word became flesh and we broke it... and through His brokenness we may be made whole.

Following Jesus through the gospels we see that the majority of those following Jesus were not interested in the spiritual truths that Jesus spoke, they were just interested in His ability to meet their physical needs... a free lunch if you will... and physical food will never satisfy spiritual hunger.

As Augustine says, "my soul finds no rest until it finds rest in thee" Have you surrendered your life to the only one who can save it? Only Jesus, "the Bread of Life" can fill your spiritual needs. He and only He is the way the truth and the life.

Man's way leads to a **hopeless end** and God's way leads to an **endless hope.**

When Jesus responded to the disciples' request that he teach them how to pray, he gave them the most perfect and comprehensive outline ever conceived in what we have come to call "the Lord's Prayer." The extraordinary comprehensiveness of its 6 petitions caused Helmut Thielicke to remark that they are like the colors of the spectrum in to which light divides when it shines through a prism. The whole light of life is captured in the rainbow of these petitions, taking into account our every need. "Great things, small things, spiritual things and material things, inward things and outward things – there is nothing that is not included in this prayer."

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