

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

LESSON 5: THE BREAD OF LIFE

As we honor God by doing His will in our lives on earth, we become beacons of light for a world in darkness. The following two verses explain this concept beautifully. Colossians 1:13 “For he (God) has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption for the forgiveness of sins.” Ephesians 5:8 “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” This sets the stage for the solicitation part of the Lord’s Prayer.

1. Bread is a staple in every civilization. It stands for all life’s necessities. The idea of God’s daily supply of bread is seen clearly in the book of Exodus. Read Exodus 16:4,14-16, 31,35. How often did the ancient Israelites go out and collect the manna? Read 1 Kings 19:5-8. What do these verses tell you about God’s provision?

2. Read Deuteronomy 8:3 with Matthew 4:4. What was the circumstance of Jesus quoting the words of Moses? What does it tell you about the Word of God?

3. Reading Matthew 15:32-39 and Mark 6:34-44, how does Jesus emulate the work of his heavenly Father?

The daily bread provision we ask for covers more than just our physical needs.

4. What does John 6:32-35 say about Spiritual bread? Read John 6:48-58. What do these verses foreshadow? When you take communion, do you feel the life-giving power of Jesus? What is the purpose of Holy Communion according to Luke 22:19?

5. How does bread play a role in Luke 24:25-32?

6. What does Isaiah 58:7-8 say about provision from God?

APPLICATION: Key to the verses we are studying today, is the word “daily”. Do we daily go before the Lord and give him his rightful place as “our Father”? Do we honor his name and his sovereignty? Do we strive to do his will in our lives? When we do these things, God will open the floodgates of his provision, giving us not so much what we want but what we need. How have you seen God provide for you in your life? How did that change your perception of God the Father?

PRAYER: All giving Father, you desire that we each come to you daily with requests. Yet Jesus showed us in your prayer that we make our requests only after we have asked for your will to be done in our lives. Align our hearts and minds to yours so that we are the kingdom of priests you desire us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.