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The Lord's Prayer – Our Daily Bread

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Today's Passages: **Matthew 6:5-13, Luke 12:22-34, John 6:25-35**

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus is teaching a simple, yet deep framework for how to cultivate a connection and communion with God in all of life.

Give us this day our Daily Bread. Matthew 6:11

The challenge from Jesus is this: in our prayers on a daily basis, can we entrust all the needs we have - physical, emotional, relational, spiritual - into God's good care and provision?

For Jesus, this trust is rooted in knowing God as our *GOOD* heavenly Father **"your Father knows what you need before you ask him."**

Matthew 6:7-8

"Our daily bread" is a simple but profound idea: God knows our needs because he cares about us and wants to _____ good things for his beloved children. Therefore, we can live in peaceful trust, like a child who knows that a good parent is going to take care of them in every way.

Jesus expanded on this notion of God's provision with a beautiful illustration in Luke 12.

"do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on...Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32

The Jesus logic is this: God _____ to provide for you *everything* in His Kingdom. Therefore, you don't have to be afraid about life. Again, what undergirds this prayer is the astonishingly good character of God our heavenly Father.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! Luke 12:24

There is a refreshing peace in believing and receiving the truth that you are _____ to God.

There will be a regular if not "daily" battle over this issue of bread/provision. So, we must be ready with the right weapons of truth.

Jesus is inviting us to step out of the _____ mindset of human fear, which is dependent on our own strength; and step up into the _____ mindset that trusts in God's goodness to take care of us, his valuable beloved children.

If we are carrying anxious toil and fearful fretting about the future, then we are living in a "scarcity mindset" based on our own strength.

If we are walking with a soul at rest and trust in the goodness of God who delights to care for his valuable children, then we are living in the "abundance mindset" of God's kingdom.

There is also a deeper kind of bread that Jesus wants to provide... **Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

John 6:35

Jesus doesn't tell us to not be hungry for satisfaction. Desire is not the problem. Desire is a God-given _____. Jesus, in his steadfast love and goodness towards us wants our soul to be satisfied. Relationship with Him is the answer. He is the bread of life we are hungering for.

Responding to God...

Do you live in more in a scarcity mindset, trusting in your own strength, or an abundance mindset, trusting in God's goodness to take care of you and provide for all of your needs?

What is standing out to you today? What do you think God is saying?

answers: provide, delights, valuable, scarcity, abundance, gift