



THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Praying for Earthly Sustenance”

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Matthew 6:11 - *Give us this day our daily bread.*

I. Bread: recognizing our need for temporal provisions.

A. Definition. “Our daily bread’ refers primarily to the supply of our temporal needs. With the Hebrews, *bread* was a generic term, signifying the necessities and conveniences of this life (Genesis 3:19; 28:20), such as food, raiment, and housing.”

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B. Praying for temporal needs in the Old Testament (Gen. 28:20; Pro. 30:8)

C. God blessing man with temporal needs (Deut. 28:4-5; 29:5; Pro. 3:9-10; Job 42:12)

D. “In the fourth petition, which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*, we pray that of God’s free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.” (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 104)

II. Daily: recognizing our need for continual dependence.

A. Daily provision of manna in the wilderness (Ex. 16:14-16; Josh. 5:12)

B. Jesus’ promise of God’s provision (Matt. 6:25-34)

III. Us/our: recognizing our need to consider others.

A. We are called to pray for ourselves (Phil. 4:6; James 1:5; Heb. 4:16)

B. We are called to pray for others (Matt. 5:44; 1 Tim. 2:1; James 5:16)

C. God calls us to humbly prioritize the needs of others (1 Cor. 10:23-24; 13:4-5; Phil. 2:1-4)

IV. Give: recognizing that all things belong to God.

A. We work for temporal needs (Gen. 2:15; Eccl. 3:12-13; 2 Thes. 3:10)

B. Everything belongs to God (Ps. 24:1; 50:10-11; Hag. 2:8; Hos. 2:9)

C. “God’s providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.” (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27)

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: What is the significance of Jesus using the word “bread” instead of “food”? Is it appropriate to pray to God for daily bread if we already have enough bread for the day? How does Jesus emphasize our need to pray for others in this prayer? How does this prayer show God’s position as both Lord and Father? How does this prayer reveal the providence of God?

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