

OUR DAILY BREAD

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Introduction:

Here we have the first of three petitions relating to our personal needs. While a good amount of our prayer time ought to involve worship, it also involves asking for specific needs to be met. James said specifically:

James 4:2

² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Notice:

1. “GIVE” – EMPHASIZES DEPENDENCE

We Are Dependent on God for Everything

1 Chronicles 29:11-14

¹¹ Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. ¹² Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

¹³ Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. ¹⁴ But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

¹⁹ Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this *is* the gift of God.

Romans 11:36

³⁶ For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

2. THIS DAY – ELIMINATES DISTRESS

There is no need for us to be anxious about tomorrow.

Our concerns should be for today.

We are to live from day to day.

This does mean that we do not make plans for the future, but we must keep in mind that our plans for tomorrow may or may not come to pass depending upon the will of the Lord for our lives.

Psalms 62:8

⁸ Trust in him at all times; *ye* people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

Matthew 6:34

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the

evil thereof.

1 Peter 5:7

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Our prayer should be for enough grace, enough strength, enough courage, enough of everything we need to get by today. Then tomorrow our prayer starts all over again for that day's needs.

3. “DAILY” – ENCOURAGES DETERMINATION

Following the Lord's model for prayer will lead us to pray every day.

Spiritually, we cannot live today off of yesterday's bread. It is sad that many of God's people are trying to live today on the experiences of years gone by. Their soul is dry and it has been years since they have experienced a fresh touch of God's grace upon their soul.

When we learn to pray for our needs on a daily basis, we can expect to meet with God anew and afresh every day.

Lamentations 3:22-24

²² *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.* ²³ *They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.* ²⁴ *The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.*

4. "BREAD" – EXPRESSES DELIGHT

When we pray for our daily "bread", we are asking God to meet our needs, to provide us with the necessities of life.

Psalms 34:10

¹⁰ The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

Proverbs 30:8-9

⁸ Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: ⁹ Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

Philippians 4:11

¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

If God should choose to bless us extravagantly so be it, but if not, let us be content with our daily bread.

5. "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD – ESTABLISHES DUTY

As His children, it is our duty to ask our Heavenly Father for the things we have need of.

Matthew 7:7-8

⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

John 16:24

²⁴ Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

James 4:2-3

² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

