



## The Lord's Prayer (3) – Only My Daily Bread

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So far in our series of messages on the Lord's Prayer we have considered:

1. **God's Person**

**Who?** He is Father.

**Where?** He is with us, all around us, and for us.

**How?** We approach Him as He who is god all the time.

2. **God's Prerogative**

**Precedes** provision, pardon and protection

**Promotes** righteousness, peace and joy

**Produces** the attitude of gratitude

Today we discuss **God's Provision**.

The prayer is not to remind God to provide for me but to remind me to depend on Him.

When we wholly trust the Heavenly Father for all our needs, we enter into a life where His Kingdom comes and His Will is done in our lives, as it is in Heaven.

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

In the original Greek, the order of the words is different from the way we say it in English.

It goes like this: "Our bread, the daily, give to us today."

The Greek word used for bread in this sentence is *epiousios*. It means "tomorrow bread" or "everyday bread". It presumes the bread is and always will be readily available today, tomorrow and in the future. It is the everyday bread.

Matthew 6:31-34 ... **do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we wear?" For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**

Psalms 23:1 **The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.** (...I shall lack nothing)

The prayer "Give us this day our daily bread" invites us to believe **all that I need to give me life will be provided.**

Here are three aspects of the Lord's Prayer, in relation to God's provision for our needs.

### 1. It is a prayer to be trained to trust God.

Deuteronomy 8:1-5 tells how God provided for the daily needs of the Israelites throughout their 40 years journey in the wilderness. Verse 3 explains why God made them totally dependent on Him at that time: ...

**So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, so that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.**

Psalms 34: 8-10 (NKJV)

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;**

**Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!**

**Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!**

**There is no want to those who fear Him.**

**The young lions lack and suffer hunger**

**But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.**

**We need to be trained to rely on God for our daily sustenance.**

### 2. It is a prayer for Godly contentment

Exodus 16:18 ...**So when they measured it (the manna) by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.**

1 Timothy 5:6-10 **But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.**

<sup>10</sup> **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.**

**We need to be content with our portion for today.**

### 3. It is a prayer to live in perfect truth

Proverbs 30:8 (NIV) **Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.**

**The deception of poverty** – There are no options; God won't help me.

I **must** do it myself.

**The deception of wealth** – There are multiple options; God does not need to help me.

I **can** do it myself.

**We need to live a life of truth, free from earthly facades.**