

“The Lord’s Prayer: Our Daily Bread”

Luke 11:1-4

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I. Introduction

- A. The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the Son of God
 - 1. The Bible also teaches us that Jesus is the Son of Man
 - 2. Which is it? It’s both!
 - a) Because He was a man, He prayed to God the Father
 - b) One of His disciples asked Him, “Lord teach us to pray”
 - c) Jesus gave a pattern for prayer that reveals the priorities of true prayer
 - 3. What is the pattern and priorities of prayer?
 - a) God’s person (v. 2)
 - b) God’s program (v. 2)
 - c) God’s provision (v. 2)
 - d) God’s pardon (v. 2)
 - e) God’s protection (v. 2)
 - 4. “Thy name,” “thy kingdom,” “thy will” (v. 2)
 - 5. “Give us,” “forgive us,” “lead us,” “deliver us” (vv. 3-4)
- B. Today, we come to God’s provision
 - 1. “Give us day by day our daily bread” (v. 3)
 - 2. Does this mean that we no longer focus on God?
 - a) No! For whom is it that provides our bread?
 - b) Who is it that pardons our sins?
 - c) Who is it that protects us from evil?
 - 1) Our Father (Abba) who is in Heaven
 - d) We can come in prayer as children to our Father
 - e) Jesus said, “If you being evil know how to give good gifts...”
 - 3. We look to our Father to provide our needs
 - 4. There are seven realities we must learn to properly pray this petition

II. It’s Okay to Pray for Our Physical and Temporal Needs

- A. Some spiritualized this petition
 - 1. They think it’s unspiritual to pray for our temporal need
 - 2. “The petition for bread sufficient for our needs implies our right to pray for all the concerns our physical welfare.” – Charles Erdman
 - a) Illustration- Jesus fed the five thousand
 - b) Jesus turned water into wine
 - c) God sent ravens to feed the prophet Elijah
 - d) Jesus said, “Don’t worry about your life...” (Matthew 6:25)
 - e) Don’t be like the Gentiles
 - f) “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33-34).
 - 3. Your loving Father has promised to provide. It is okay to pray for bread!

III. We Must Pray this Petition with Moderation

- A. This petition is not a “carte blanche”
 - 1. It is “bread,” not “filet mignon”
 - 2. “My God shall supply all your needs...” (Philippians 4:19)
 - 3. False teachers supposing that godliness is a way to get gain (1 Timothy 6)

IV. This is an Invitation to Come to God with Requests that Others Might Call Small

- A. One of the precious realities of our Christian life is that God cares about the simple, ordinary, day-to-day things of life
 - 1. God wants us to bring our everyday needs to Him, even if they appear trivial
 - 2. Don’t just pray in times of great need
 - a) “Casting all your cares upon Him...” (1 Peter 5:7)
 - b) “You know my down sittings and uprising...” (Psalm 139)
 - c) When we come to God with the little things, we do Him a great honor

V. We Must Come to God Daily in Prayerful Dependence

- A. “Day by day our daily bread” (v. 3)
 - 1. “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11)
 - a) The only place in the Bible
 - 2. Why daily?
 - a) Illustration- Israel’s manna in the wilderness
 - b) God wants to foster in you a daily dependence
 - 1) “As thy days, so shall thy strength be” (Deuteronomy 33:25)
 - c) Illustration- Paul’s thorn (2 Corinthians 12)
 - d) God wants us all rich or poor (1 Timothy 6)
 - e) This petition is in sharp contrast to the world’s ideals
 - 3. Are you living in humble dependence upon God?

VI. We Must Pray This Prayer with Willingness to Work

- A. God provides our daily bread, but He expects us to do our part
 - 1. “If any would not work neither should he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

VII. We Must Pray This Prayer Unselfishly with Generosity

- A. It’s not “give me,” it’s “give us” our daily bread (v. 3)
 - 1. When we sincerely pray this prayer, we are affirming our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ
 - 2. We need to pray for others and give to others
 - a) “But whoso has the world’s good, and seeth his brother have need...” (1 John 3:17)

VIII. We Must Pray this Prayer with a Willingness to Accept the Kind of Bread God Supplies

- A. Illustration- Israel complained about the manna
 - 1. We often do so also. We complain about God's provision.
 - 2. "Every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from..." (James 1:17)

IX. Conclusion

- A. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone..."
 - 1. Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).
 - 2. Jesus said, "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life" (John 6:27).