

Praying For Daily Needs

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6.25-34.

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

Many societies today are affluent, but this is not so for all. For many people within those societies as well as those of other lands, destitution is a real threat. Daily need is not only for food. We all can point to someone better or worse off than ourselves. We should never forget that all we have, comes from the hand of God. The principles Jesus stated here are true for all His children, whoever or wherever they are, and are in marked contrast to the philosophy of men of the world around us. Matthew 6. 6.32 The word rendered 'Gentiles' here in the AV is from the Greek *Ethnos* better translated *the nations* or *human race* who *strive for* or demand or clamour for this world's riches, The promises Jesus gives here are for Children of the King who are involved in the business of the King. Are you a born again child of God, then this is for you. Come sit at your father's table. Enjoy His provision

Our Heavenly Father Created us with Needs. See Genesis 1.29. We share this with all mankind. From the cradle to the grave we are consumers of this world's goods and services. This includes more than just food. We all face times of scarcity, pain and need, like the Apostle Paul, Philippians 4:12, "*I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.*" It is in these times that we need to know that our Heavenly Father is not only aware, but is present with us in them. Matthew 10.28-31

Our Heavenly Father Already Knows about Our Daily Needs. Matt. 6.8
"*Your Father knoweth what things ye*

have need of, before ye ask him." Also restated in verse 32 This touches the omniscience of God.

Our Heavenly Father Has Already Provided for Our Daily Needs. He is never taken by surprise. All His provision for all our need was made in and through Jesus Christ before the world was created. Colossians 1.15-19; 2.9-10. Compare 1 Corinthians 8.6 and Isaiah 45.11&2. The answer is included in God's creation and order. John 21.5-14, Matt. 17.24-27 We may look for His provision in answer to our prayer. 1 Timothy 6.17-18. John 16.24. Psalm 34.8-10. Philippians 4.19. See also Psalm 89.11, Isaiah; 45.18

Our Heavenly Father Expects Us to Ask For His Provision. Jesus taught us to pray '*Give us this day our daily bread.*' v10. Matthew 21.22, 1 John 3.22. Often our poverty is in not asking James 4.2 The Bible is filled with encouragements to ask in prayer. There are all the promises, testimonies of men and women of old and ever so many examples of those whose faith God has honoured.

Our Heavenly Father Supplies in Many Different Ways

This includes our industry See verse 26 "*Behold the fowls of the air.*" They do not sow, but they do hunt and gather what God has provided. See Genesis 2.15, Deut. 24.21, 2 Thess. 3.10, Eph 4.28. God expects all his people to be busy. This includes not only the gainfully employed, but also people who are retired, unemployed and disabled, as they are able. There is a concept of

To the worldling the supply of daily needs depends ultimately on himself. But the Christian depends continually on God.

Moses was able, at the end of the Journey to testify of God's goodness in the most testing circumstances. Deut 2.7 "*For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God [hath been] with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.*" Notice David's testimony in Ps 37:25, "*I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*" Can you add a testimony like these?

mutual obligation which is very Scriptural. See Luke 6.38, Ecclesiastes 10.1. Acts 20.35

He uses people to supply the needs of others. Note Acts 2.45; 4.34-35, Romans 12.13; 16.1-2, James 2.15-16, 1 John 3.17. There are many, many examples in Scripture Sometimes He supplies us directly. See 1 Kings 17.14 and Luke 9.16 **He** prospers the works of our hand. See the principle in Deut. 28.5. This includes the factory and the office, and the blessing overflows to others as in Genesis 39.3. The principle of God's blessing on our industry applies to nations as well as to individuals. See Proverbs 14.34.

Our Heavenly Father Exceeds our Expectations. How often our limited vision and lack of faith puts a limit on God's willingness to provide. See Ephesians 3.20, Philippians 4.19, Isaiah 65.24

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