

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Matt. 6:11

Introduction:

- A. This petition tells us that it is right to care about needs of body.
 - 1. Jesus urges his disciples to rest and eat (Mk. 6:31).
 - 2. Paul taught against neglecting and abusing the body (Col. 2:23; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).
- B. This petition has three words worth noting:

Discussion:

II. “Bread”

- A. Recognizes God as the source of our livelihood and prosperity. (Acts 17:28).
- B. Recognizes the need to pray about physical needs. (Cf. Prov. 30:8,9; 3 John 2; 1 Tim 4:4,5).
- C. Later Jesus warns against over-emphasis on physical needs (vv. 25-33).

III. “Daily”

- A. Recognizes the need for daily prayer (cf. 1 Thess. 5:17).
- B. Recognizes the need to live each at a time (cf. v. 25).
 - 1. Should live in “day tight compartments.”
 - 2. Past is gone forever — can only repent — God forgives.
 - 3. Future is not here — 90% of worries never come.
 - 4. Present is enough to handle.
 - 5. Need to be concerned with today’s duties. (Cf. Heb. 3:12).

IV. “Give”

- A. Material blessings are gifts of God to be enjoyed (Acts 14:17; 1 Tim. 6:17).
 - 1. Should enjoy a good meal (Ill. 2 sons entering the ministry).
 - 2. Should enjoy good clothes, houses, automobiles, etc.
- B. Materials blessings are gifts of God to be received though working (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8).
 - 1. If food can be a gift we work for, why not salvation? (Phil. 2:12).
 - 2. If Jericho could be gift Israel worked for, why not salvation (Josh. 6:2).
- C. Material blessings can be gifts of God without a miracle.
 - 1. Pray for food and expect natural answer — even though God once rained manna.
 - 2. Pray for healing and expect natural answer — even though God healed miraculously.

Conclusion:

- A. Let us continue to pray this portion of the prayer daily.
- B. Let us thank and glorify God when the answer comes.