

Daily Bread

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Matthew 6:11

Introduction:

1. *Times could get much worse than they are, and we need to learn to trust God according to His word.*
2. *Our nation of America is full of bread and pride, so we are much like Sodom of old (Ezekiel 16:49).*
3. *The biggest problem in America is overeating, not under eating. We have more than heart could wish.*
4. *God humbled His church under the old covenant with hunger, and He might wisely do the same to us.*
5. *Could you be happy with just bread ... and God, Bible, truth, wisdom, saints, love, peace, name, etc.?*

- A. We ask the Lord to *give* it; unless He gives, we will have nothing (Ps 104:21; 127:1; 75:6-7).
- B. We *ask* for bread, because we have no rights as rebellious and sinful creatures (Gen 2:16-17).
- C. We *ask the Lord to give it*, because He is far better than any earthly father (Luke 11:11-13).
- D. We ask for *us*, those in our families and the household of faith mainly (I Tim 5:8; Gal 6:10).
- E. We ask for *this day's* bread, so we focus on the day that counts for our souls (Lu 12:15-21).
- F. We ask for *daily* bread, lest we become too careful about storing future bread (Prov 30:7-9).
- G. We ask for *bread*, because we do not need luxuries, and they deceive (Pr 23:1-4; I Tim 6:8).
- H. The Lord Jesus promised our heavenly Father would feed the righteous (Matt 6:25-26,33-34).
- I. Seeking first God's kingdom and righteousness exalts and seeks the true bread (Jn 6:31-36).
- J. Jesus Christ is the bread from heaven that we must eat by faith and obedience (John 6:44-69).
- K. Seeking first God's kingdom and righteousness exalts and seeks God's words (Job 23:12).
- L. Wisdom has prepared her bread, and you should partake and rejoice in her meal (Prov 9:5).
- M. The worst famine we should fear is for the words of God, not merely bread (Amos 8:11-12).
- N. We labor for bread, because we know that is God's ordained means (Pr 12:11; 20:13; 28:19).
- O. We conserve for bread, because we know that God condemns luxury (Proverbs 21:17,20).
- P. We save for bread, because God created the ant to show saving of bread (Prov 6:6-8; 30:25).
- Q. Those not working hard, conserving, or saving do not get any bread (Pr 20:4; II Thess 3:10).
- R. Remember how God fed Israel with new bread to teach them faith in His words (Deut 8:1-3).
- S. Remember how God provided for Elijah in the middle of a horrible famine (I Kings 17:1-6).
- T. Remember two widows whom the Lord sustained by His care (I Kgs 17:8-16; II Kgs 4:1-7).
- U. Remember how fast and how far the Lord lowered commodity prices (II Kings 6:24 – 7:20).
- V. Remember how far our Lord Jesus Christ was able to make a few loaves go (Matt 16:6-10).
- W. The righteous are merciful and good, and he and his seed will always be fed (Ps 37:21-29).
- X. Therefore, cast your bread on the water, when there is an opportunity to help (Eccl 11:1-2,6).

Conclusion:

1. *Each day, let us ask the Lord for our daily bread and consciously consider our need for daily food.*
2. *Each day, let us thank the Lord for the daily bread that He has always given and continues to give us.*
3. *Each day, let us remember our duty to labor hard for bread, conserve for bread, and save for bread.*
4. *Each day, let us remember the priorities God's word teaches (Pr 15:17; 17:1; Ps 37:16; Matt 6:33).*
5. *Each day, let us remember more than bread for our bellies we need the Bread of Life in our hearts.*
6. *Each day, let us remember that more than bread for our bellies we need His words for our souls.*
7. *Each day, remember the importance of contentment and the things of real value in life (Heb 13:5-6).*

For Further Study:

1. Sermon, “Eating and Drinking Christ,” ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/sermons/pdf/eating-and-drinking-christ.pdf>.
2. Take a concordance and read the 330 references to “bread” in the Bible for many warnings and comforts.