

PRAY FOR BREAD

MATTHEW 6:11

3/3/24

I. ORDER OF THE PRAYER

A. Show us why we can depend upon God

Matthew 6:9-10 - "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'"

1. In whom He is – Good Father and King

B. Show us how we depend upon God

Matthew 6:11-13 – "Give us this day our daily bread,¹² and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

1. In what we ask of Him

C. When we properly understand God...we can ask for the right things

II. PICTURE OF PRAYER

Exodus 16:4 - "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.'"

A. Manna communicated that God would provide for His people

III. WHAT DOES THIS PRAYER COMMUNICATE?

A. COMMUNICATES OUR DEPENDENCY – "Give Us"

1. We acknowledge that we cannot provide what we need
2. We acknowledge that God is the Giver

2 Peter 1:3 - "His Divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness."

"When we pray God is not glad for our demands, but He is glorified in our dependence." - Kevin DeYoung

B. COMMUNICATES GOD'S FAITHFULNESS – "Daily"

1. Constant return to God in dependence – daily
2. We trust God to faithfully provide
3. We find security in God's immutability

C. COMMUNICATES GOD'S PROVISION – "Bread"

1. If God cares for something so small...He must care for the big things too
2. Our physical needs are reminders of our spiritual needs

John 6:30-35 – "So they said to him, 'Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?'³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "³² Jesus then said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'"

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from this stanza of the Lord's prayer? What challenged your thinking?
2. Why is it important for us to be concerned with God's name, God's kingdom, and God's will before we ask God to give us things?
3. How does understanding God's name, kingdom, and will change what we ask of Him?
4. What are some examples of things we ask God for that fit with His name, kingdom, and will? What are some examples of things we pray for that don't align with God's name, kingdom and will?
5. How can our dependence on God in prayer glorify Him?
6. Why is it so important to pray DAILY for God's provision?
7. What does it say about God that He wants to talk to us daily and to hear our requests?
8. How does this stanza of the Lord's prayer communicate God's kindness?

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

- This week we are going to pray for our Kairos Prison Ministry
 - There is a team of men and women from our church that enter the local prisons and do ministry with the inmates.
- We have a team of men going into Lake Erie Correctional Institute March 14-17...pray for their ministry there.
 - Brian Lentz, Gil Rice, Rob Dunn, Roger Silman, Jon Dumbeck, Jon Gibbs, and Dewitt Moffat.
- Pray for Salvation! That the inmates would be receptive to the Gospel message as it goes forth during the weekend.
- Pray for these men to be equipped and encouraged to do the work of the ministry.
- Pray for strength because it is a long weekend.