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Our Daily Bread

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Scripture Lesson: -

Text: - "Give us this day our daily bread." Matt:6:11

Introduction: - This petition teaches us that it is the privilege and duty of the children of God to pray for temporal blessings. Some who believe in prayer for spiritual blessings deny that we are to call upon God for blessings for our bodies. There are those who refuse to pray for rain, or daily bread. Then there are those who never give God any thanks for the food which he gives them from day to day.

- I. God does answer prayer for temporal blessings.
 - 1. George Muller prayers for his orphanages.
 - 2. Rev. Garberson's prayer for food when the money gave out and there was no food left.

It is very evident that these could must live in physical bodies. The God who is not willing that any should perish for lack of spiritual food is also unwilling that any should perish for want of physical bread. He himself fed the hungry when they waited upon his ministry. The disciples wanted to send them away. But Jesus replied, "Give ye them to eat."

II. Our complete dependance upon God for our daily bread.

- 1. All are willing to confess our inability to save ourselves spiritually. "By grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God." We do not earn eternal life we receive it is a gift.
- 2. Every blessing comes from the hand of God.
The story of the boy who brought a loaf of bread from the grocery store. It had come from the hand of God.
- 3. It is a prayer for every one to pray.
It is a prayer for the poor. It is a prayer for the

rich. It is a prayer for the millionaire as truly as it is for the beggar. What is the wealth of the millionaire worth if God withholds the gift of bread?

King Midas who longed to have the power of turning everything to Gold that he touched.

He found that his wealth was only dust if God fails to give bread.

III. This is an unselfish prayer.

1. We are to pray this prayer for all men. We are not encouraged to pray this prayer thus, "Give me this day my daily bread". We must not forget the pronoun, "us". If I am an employer, I must pay to the men who work for me a just wage.

2. We are to pray this prayer and be willing to share with our brother. "There was a certain rich man etc.

The rich man betrayed his trust. He held himself aloof and fed him only the crumbs. He failed to play a brother's part.

IV. The reasonableness of the prayer.

1. We are praying for that which we daily need. We are not asking for a fortune, for a place on the avenue, for a high social position, high powered cars. We are asking for what God promises and for that only. "My God shall supply all your needs, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

2. Bread that is justly ours.

We must cooperate with God to receive spiritual blessings. We must cooperate with God to receive our daily bread. When we pray for our daily bread, we pray for bread that we cooperate with God in making. It means the consecration of our daily tasks. It enables us to see upon every loaf that comes to our table the finger marks of God. It helps us to make every meal a sacrament. May we pray the prayer with sincere hearts, "Give us this our daily bread."