

JESUS ON PRAYER – 4
JUNE 26, 2019

MATTHEW 6:9-13

The Lord's prayer is a model prayer that teaches prayer principles. It begins and ends with praise, and in between are petitions.

THE PRINCIPLE OF PROVISION – MATTHEW 6:11

1. Daily bread emphasizes our daily dependence on God. The digestive system requires daily sustenance, not weekly, monthly or yearly. The lesson being taught is that God wants us to be totally dependent on Him for life and all it's necessities. Trusting Him to provide for us without worrying. **MATTHEW 6:25**
2. The concept of daily bread goes back to God's daily provision for the Israelite's in the wilderness. **EXODUS 16:2-5**
 - A. They just celebrated their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. They just witnessed bitter waters being made sweet. Now, they're hungry. Instead of looking to God to provide food, they accused Moses of bringing them out to die of hunger.
 - B. God uses the digestive system to teach us a valuable lesson. **DEUTERONOMY 8:1-3** Our needs go beyond food to eat. They include food, water, clothing, shelter, finances, a job, a car, oxygen, physical strength, health and spiritual provisions.
 - C. **MATTHEW 4:1-4** – Jesus used **DEUTERONOMY 8:3** to resist the devil. He reveals that what bread is to the body, God's Word is to the spirit and soul. **JOHN 6:31-33, 63** Jesus provides more than physical sustenance.
3. Daily bread could be a word spoken from the mouth of God about our circumstances, our health, our marriage, children, finances, or job. **PSALMS 107:20, 119:9, 11, 105, 130**

LESSONS TO LEARN

1. We are totally dependent on God for the necessities of life.
2. God's provisional mercies are renewed daily. **LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23**
3. God requires asking. **MATTHEW 7:7, JOHN 16:23-24**
4. The principle of daily manna is a test, just as tithing is a test.
 - A. Daily manna: **EXODUS 16:15-18** The Israelites failed by gathering too much (it bred worms); and by looking to gather manna on the Sabbath.
 - B. Tithing: Can 90% that's blessed go farther than 100% that's under a curse.
5. God is a giving Father. **MATTHEW 7:11**
6. Giving Jesus says it all. **ROMANS 8:32**
7. God's children don't beg, they ask. **PSALMS 37:25**
8. God wants us to depend on Him daily.

CONCLUSION: The petition of provision teaches us to come to God in a spirit of humble dependence, asking Him to provide what we need from day to day.