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Daily Bread For Daily Need - Matthew 6:11

Description – Join us today as we continue to look at Matthew 6 and the Lord's Prayer

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¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

When Jesus said this line, that resonated with the culture. Why? You immediately think of the wilderness wandering of the people and the daily bread, the daily manna provided by God.

Its both a physical need and a spiritual need. They didn't have the luxury of making a run to Kroger or Publix to buy fresh baked bread.

The people in the culture of the day, not the jews, but the gentiles, would pray for their daily food and their daily provision.

The Romans believed you had to pray and worship Demeter, who was the greek / roman god of the harvest and the fertility of the earth.

The Roman empire would import bread from across the empire, across the Mediterranean from Northern Africa to their european cities and provinces.

Jesus is reminding us that its not by a greek goddess, or by a boat with Roman bread

John 12:20-26

²⁰ Now some Greeks were among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ So they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested of him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied to them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. ²⁵ The one who loves his life will lose it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me. Where I am, there my servant also will be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

What is Jesus teaching here? Jesus is saying, bread doesn't come from a false goddess or a roman government. Only one can provide sustenance for your soul, the one who dies, goes into the ground and lives. Jesus is saying only He will be able to satisfy and sustain us. HE is the daily bread that we depend on.

Jesus is saying this is tomorrow's bread for today.

Turtellian, Cyprian, and Augustine all believed this was the spiritual invisible bread from the Father that feeds our souls.

When Jesus is being tempted by the enemy in the wilderness, at his weakest (hungry) moment, the enemy comes and challenges Jesus, “IF you really are...” then prove it. Turn these stones into bread.

Jesus replies, “⁴ He answered, “It is written: **Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**” (Matthew 4:4)

Deuteronomy 8:3

³ He humbled you by letting you go hungry; then he gave you manna to eat, which you and your ancestors had not known, so that you might learn that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Exodus 16:4-7

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. This way I will test them to see whether or not they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the LORD’s glory because he has heard your complaints about him.

This passage is all about two things:

1. Obedience
2. Trust

What did the people have to do each day in order to eat? They had to work. They had to go out each day and gather food. They had to physically extend the effort to work to eat that day.

They could only gather for that day. They couldn’t take home a to-go bag to eat the next day, with the exception of the Sabbath.

Nothing is going to satisfy our souls like the Savior can.

You’re trusting God for your daily needs and rest in the promise that He will already have for you provision for the need that’s coming tomorrow.

You can take a good thing, even a God thing like this daily manna, and you aren’t grateful for it just like the Israelites became over the daily collection of manna.

Jesus is connecting physical bread to the spiritual word of God.

Just like the Jews had to expend the time and effort to go out and collect the manna daily, so we too must expend the time and effort to daily be in God’s word to nourish our spiritual souls.

You need a specific time and a place to spend time with God.

Also, we have to remember that what we collected yesterday, or last week, or last month, won't sustain us for today or the future.

Gorging on food won't sustain you. You have to have a daily rhythm of eating and being nourished for that day.

A lot of Christians are spiritually "Hangry" - they've not eaten for so long that they've become angry hungry.

Everyone's schedules will be different, but we can all find a time and place to make time to spend in God's word.

One of the greatest tragedies in modern Christianity is not unanswered prayer, it's unoffered prayer.