

Notes: Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

Lord, teach us to pray! Luke 11:1

“Give us this day our daily bread!” Matt 6:11

Why pray for provision of our daily bread? What’s in Jesus’ mind?

Exodus 16:4-6; Deuteronomy 11:8-15

- Necessities rather than Luxuries!
- Duration:
 - o Exodus 16; Joshua 5:9-12: 40 years, as long as they obey God’s commandments.
 - o Deut. 11:8-15: as long as they live in the land, providing that they obey God’s commandments! See Deut. 28-30.
- Physical and spiritual bread
 - o Ex. 25:30 = fellowship with God (cf., Matt. 4:4; Deut. 8:3).
 - o Exodus 16:4-6,31; John 6:31,49 physical bread = Manna
 - o John 6:32-33,35,48; Spiritual bread = the true bread = Jesus the bread of life!
 - Seeing & believing in Jesus (Jn 6:40) = eating his body & drinking his blood (Jn 6:50-51,53-54,57-58b) = acquiring eternal life!

Reasons for provision of necessities:

- We are God’s family, he promised to care for us while we focus on the kingdom of God and his righteousness (Matt 6:19-34).
 - o We are called to minister to others, God-Jesus will care for us (1st commissioning Matt. 10; 2nd commissioning Luke 10:1-16)
- Bible teaches us to have a contentment attitude (1Tim 6:6-12; Prov. 30:7-9).

Caution

- We have a purpose in our life and that purpose is to receive blessings from God to bless others (Gen. 12:1-3)
 - o Gen. 12:2 I will bless you, you be a bless (command)!
- We ought to have an energized faith through providing the necessities of others (James 2:14-16).
- Let’s beware of despising the divine blessings or otherwise (Num 21:5-6)!