

Sermon Outline

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-5 (p.261); Matthew 4:1-11 (p.1376); John 6:25-35 (p.1519)

"The Lord's Prayer"

1. Our Father in heaven
Big Idea #1: your picture of God determines how you pray
2. Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Big Idea #2: we pray for our Father's concerns before we pray for our situation
3. Give us today our daily bread
4. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us
5. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
6. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever: Amen

The big idea: our biggest obstacle to prayer is self-sufficiency

1. Give us TODAY our DAILY bread

i. "daily bread"

The parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-15)
Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight. (Leviticus 19:13b)

Deuteronomy 8:1 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

Q. Why is this the FIRST request that Jesus teaches us to pray?

ii. "today"

Q. Is Jesus saying we shouldn't build up reserves?

2. What type of bread is Jesus actually talking about?

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

How to resist temptation (hints from the Son of God) ...

John 6:25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ **Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.** For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." ³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." ³⁵ **Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**

For discussion: what could motivate you to feed on the bread of life each day?

Recommended reading: D A Carson, *For the Love of God*

So what, for us?

- i. Pray, "save us from the sin of self-sufficiency"
- ii. Pray each day, "Father, thank you ..."
- iii. Try to feed someone (with the food that lasts)