

Sermon Notes

When We Pray, Pray This Way

#4 – “Prayer Concern for Contentedness” – Matthew 6:11

I. Introduction

A. The Disciples’ Prayer

1. A model for our prayers to God. Today’s focus relates to contentedness.
2. “Our daily bread”
 - a. I Timothy 6:6,8; Hebrews 13:5
 - b. Jeremiah Burroughs

B. Reciting of the prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

C. The prayer structure shifts with verse 11.

1. From the advancement of God’s name and His kingdom to:
 - a. Life’s N_____
 - b. Forgiving of S_____
 - c. Deliverance from T_____ and the D_____

II. Exposition

A. Give us our daily bread.

1. First – dependence upon God.
 - a. Illustration from the movie Shenandoah.
 1. Do not pray this way.
 2. Independence vs. dependence.
 3. Dan Doriani
 - b. In reality, we do not care for our own needs.
 1. John MacArthur
 2. The hardest working person owes all that he earns to God.
 - a. Deuteronomy 8:18; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 1:2-3
2. “Daily” – a very obscure Greek word.
 - a. Origin

b. Relatively recent papyrus discovery.

c. Daily bread includes food, but also D_____ N_____ in life.

3. “Bread”

- a. Martin Luther.
- b. In the affluent west, it seems counter intuitive to ask God for daily needs.
- c. In Jesus day, “Bread” was very important.
- d. The sense is all forms of sustenance.
 1. Numbers 21:5; Deuteronomy 8:3
- e. Reminder: Ask for everything you need.
 1. Note distinction between our N_____ and our D_____
 2. We do not pray for wealth.
 - a. Proverbs 30:7-9; I Timothy 6:9-10
 3. Becoming wealthy through hard work is different from working hard to become wealthy.
 4. Recent examples of pursuing wealth at all costs.
 1. Wall Street
 2. Harry Chapin
 5. Still, we must work – Genesis 1:28

III. Points for Reflection

- A. God has promised to supply our daily needs. Consequently, do not be anxious. Pursue the eternal while living in the temporal.
- B. Remembering to pray for our daily needs is a help in becoming content with His provision.
- C. Young people: Financial remuneration should be a careful consideration when making career choices.
- D. “Give us our daily bread” is also a reminder that God’s sustenance in life should also be acknowledged in death.
- E. Praying to God for our daily needs reminds us to be verbally thankful for His provision.