

**“Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”**

We now pass from our worship and exaltation of God (in prayer), who is our Father, who sits upon the throne of heaven, whose Name is Holy; whose Kingdom we seek, whose will we desire; to now, our daily needs!

In regard to prayer, let me remind you whom you are approaching. I thought of Abraham, and how he began his supplications to the Lord when he inquired about Lot, his nephew who was in Sodom before the LORD destroyed it:

*“Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes”:*  
*Abraham had a RIGHT view of God, which gave him a right view of himself!*

Beloved, we must NEVER think to tread God’s courts or enter into His presences “lightheartedly” or as if we are God’s pal, or with wickedness in our hearts! I can’t stress that enough!

**Jesus now passes from exaltation and worship of God to our earthly needs:**

In fact, all of the remaining requests/petitions teach us very plainly that we ARE completely dependent upon God for everything in this life.

*Our daily bread, forgiveness for our sins, but also grace to forgive those who sin against us; that we would not be led into temptation, and that we would be delivered from falling into sin and the evil in this present world.*

When we pray **“give us THIS DAY our daily bread”**, we are asking God to meet our daily needs; give me TODAY, Heavenly Father that which is sufficient to meet both my physical and spiritual needs.

**As for our physical food: The Manna from heaven after the Exodus is a great example of God providing “daily bread” for His people. Exodus 16:1-26**

Brethren, we don’t know what it’s like to DEPEND upon God for EVERY meal, the children of Israel literally got a portion of manna for ONE DAY, and enough for TWO DAYS on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week, which carried over into the Sabbath Day.

Beloved, we have pantries full of food, and yet we must never forget that we have it, because God hath given it to us! *Deuteronomy 8:10-17*

There may come a day when God brings us into a time of want; if there is a great drought and the crops wither and die, and the cattle die; BUT know that EVEN if that happens, God will not forsake His people.

*Psalm 37:25-26, 55:22, Matthew 6:25-34*

We must never forget when we pray, that we are completely dependent upon God for the food that we put on our tables every day. The truth is, we eat to the full oftentimes too much, and we waste far more than we eat.

*John 6:1-13, 26-35*

**Beloved of God, when we look at what God gives us each day for our physical food, let us NOT forget, nor neglect the necessary food of His Word.**

So, when we PRAY, “give us THIS DAY our daily bread” let us look to our Father and our God for good and daily provisions of the bread of life!

*Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3, Job 23:10-12*

As good nutritious physical food nourishes the body, so the Good Word of God nourishes the soul. All too often, we look to physical, perishable food while neglecting that “necessary food” which gives eternal life!

When you’re hungry, you start looking for something to eat; how often do you get hungry for the Word? *Matthew 5:6*

*“Give ME THIS DAY, Heavenly Father, my physical bread, AND, my daily spiritual bread”*

*Psalm 19:10: Thy Word is MORE to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb”*

*Psalm 119:103: “How sweet are thy words to my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth”*