



## *Sermons of the Savior*

**Matthew 6:11**

**Lesson 9**

*Give us this day our daily bread.* God calls us to ask for daily provision because He cares about providing for us. May the study of this lesson provoke in you both a confidence to ask and a deeper gratitude that you can.

### **OBSERVATION: Read Matthew 6:9-13**

1. Although we are focusing on Matthew 6:11 in this lesson, read the entire prayer using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what Matthew 6:11 is about?

2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. If you did not mark key words from Lessons 7 or 8, please do so now. If you completed this part of the lesson in Lessons 7 or 8, you may skip this and move to #3 below.

Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text.

Please note: We will be using the Observation Worksheet at the end of this lesson each week that we study the Lord's Prayer.

Key Words: *Father* (and any words that refer to Him)  
*our, us, we* (mark each of these words the same way)

3. Using Matthew 6:11, fill in the blanks:

\_\_\_\_\_ *this* \_\_\_\_\_ *our* \_\_\_\_\_ *bread.*

a. What two words are repeated twice in a similar form?

u\_\_\_\_\_ and o\_\_\_\_\_

d\_\_\_\_\_ and d\_\_\_\_\_

## CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

1. What personal abilities or people do you tend to rely on for your *daily* needs?
  
2. What is most difficult for you to ask for from God? Why?
  - a. What is easiest for you to ask for from God? Why?

## GIVE US

1. Consider the topics prayed in Matthew 6:9,10. In what ways is it beneficial to acknowledge God's name and desire His will before praying the topic addressed in Matthew 6:11?
  
2. To whom are we to address our requests?
  - a. What do the following verses teach about God as the source of our needs?  
1 Chronicles 29:14-16  
  
Psalm 104:14
  
  - b. What does Matthew 6:31,32 teach us about God's awareness of our *needs*?
    - 1.) What *needs* are specifically addressed in these verses?
  
3. Matthew 7:7-11 assures us of God's desire to take care of our *needs*. Write these verses in your own words.
  - a. What does verse 7 encourage us to do?

4. What attributes of God are important to know if we are to confidently ask Him to *give to us*?

5. What is the promise of James 1:17?

a. What is the promise of Psalm 34:10?

1.) Make a list of just some of God's *good gifts* to you.

6. Record the awesome words of Romans 8:32.

a. What is the ultimate proof of God's care for us?

b. How do these words assure you that God will provide for you?

### **THIS DAY**

1. Consider the phrase *this day*. How often does this suggest we pray?

2. What are some of the advantages of praying *daily*?

3. What are some of the disadvantages of neglecting *daily* prayer?

4. Contemplate upon some of David's prayers as you record them below:

Psalm 57:1

Psalm 61:2

Psalm 70:5

Psalm 88:13

- a. What can we learn from these prayers regarding David's confidence to cry out to the Lord?
- b. Why is it important to have confidence in your relationship with the Lord when you pray?

## OUR DAILY

1. Jesus is not only encouraging us to pray each *day*, but He is encouraging us to pray for *daily* needs. What are some of your *daily* needs?
  
2. Read the story of God's provision of food for the Israelites while they wandered in the desert (Exodus 16:16-35). What did you learn about:  
each man's responsibility  
  
the amount they each gathered  
  
God's desire to provide daily  
  
the consequences of disobedience  
  
a. What did you personally glean from this story about praying for *daily* needs?
  
3. Why do you think Jesus focuses on praying for *daily* needs, rather than the needs of *tomorrow*?
  
4. What do 2 Thessalonians 3:10,12 teach us about our responsibility?
  - a. How would you explain the necessity to do our part by working, yet acknowledge God as our provider?

## BREAD

1. *Bread* represents something that each of us needs every day. For some, their prayer is a plea for the provision of daily needs such as *food*, *clothing*, and *shelter*. For others, they awake confident that these needs will be met, as their situation is not that of lack. How might the latter situation deter a person from praying this prayer?

a. What is that person forgetting?

b. For each of us, it is important to acknowledge that God is our provider. If we find ourselves in positions of material abundance, what might we pray as we approach this prayer topic?

c. Sometimes we lose sight of God's provision and care for us. What helps you to get back on track?

2. Read John 6:31-35.

How was the *manna* defined? (v.31)

Who gives the *true bread from heaven*? (v.32)

What does the *bread from God* give? (v.33)

Who is the *bread of life*? (v.35)

What does *the bread of life* give?

a. All too often we, like the Jews, seek God for what He can provide for us materially. What is the message of John 6:31-35?

1.) Although we are to pray for *our daily* material provision, why is it important to keep this in mind?

3. *Give us this day our daily bread.* What should be the result of praying this prayer as it is written, rather than asking for provision of personal needs?
  
4. What was the consequence of Israel's rebellion according to Amos 4:6?
  - a. Why do you think God sometimes withholds *our daily* needs?

**REVIEW: READ MATTHEW 6:11**

1. In what ways has this lesson challenged/encouraged you regarding:  
God's ability to provide for you?

God's concern for your needs?

The benefit of praying daily?

Praying for daily needs?

Your responsibility?

Praying for the needs of others?

*Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,  
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!  
- Psalm 107:8*

## Observation Worksheet

### Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



<sup>14</sup> "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.  
<sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.