

Mt.6.9-15 “The Provision of God”
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I. GOD’S PROVISION v.11 “Daily Bread”

A. THE SUBSTANCE “bread”

Bread represents all of our physical needs.

This part of the prayer is a petition, and also an affirmation (Ja.1.17).

B. THE SOURCE “Father”

Every physical thing we have comes from God’s provision - therefore it is a sin of indifference & ingratitude not to daily recognize His gifts in thankful prayer.

C. SUPPLICATION “give”

This is the heart of the petition, because it recognizes need.

D. THE SEEKERS “us”

The **us** of Jesus’ model prayer are those who belong to Him.

God irrevocably commits Himself to meet the essential needs of His own.

Those problems only aggravate the basic problem, which is spiritual.

God’s primary way of provision is through work...

His primary way to care for those who cannot work is through the generosity of those who are able to work.

E. THE SCHEDULE “daily”

God’s provision for His children is daily.

❖ We are to rely on the Lord one day at a time.

❖ It is contentment to accept the Lord’s present provision without concern for our needs tomorrow.

II. GOD’S PARDON v.12

- ❖ *Opheilēma* _____
- ❖ *Hamartia* _____
- ❖ *Paraptōma* _____
- ❖ *Parabasis* _____
- ❖ *Anomia* _____

Sin is a moral and spiritual debt to God that must be paid.

A. THE PROBLEM “debts”

Sin is that which separates man from God,

❖ The ultimate effects of sin are death & damnation, &

❖ The present effects are misery, dissatisfaction, & guilt.

Sin is the **common** denominator of every sin and evil. (Je.13.23)

Immeasurably more **important** than our need for daily bread is our need for **continual** forgiveness of sin.

B. THE PROVISION “forgive us”

Because man’s greatest problem is sin, his greatest need is **forgiveness**

Forgiveness is the central **theme** of this entire passage.

Because we still fall into sin, we frequently require God’s gracious forgiveness, His forgiveness not now as Judge but as **Father**.

- The **positional** purging of salvation that occurs at regeneration needs no repetition,
- The **practical** purging is needed every day,

CONCLUSION:

As Judge, God is **eager** to forgive sinners;

As Father He is even more eager to keep on forgiving His children.