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Mat 6:11, John 6:30-31, 35.

Title: Give Us the Bread We Need This Day.

Introduction: Today we continue with sermon on the Lord's Prayer. "Give Us Our Daily Bread" is the 4th request that we give to God in the model of prayer that Jesus gave to the disciples. When we talk about Daily Bread, what comes to your mind?



"Moses said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord." When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little... Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell..." Exodus 16:8-20 NIV

Explanation: The bread from above was for a day. Those who did not pay attention to Moses' instructions had their food get spoiled because they got more than they needed, and they went bad.

When Jesus spoke of “our daily bread”, the bread was symbolic of our daily needs. It is symbolic in a sense that it has a broad understanding:

1. **PHYSICAL NEEDS:** SHELTER, FOOD AND CLOTHING.
2. **EMOTIONAL NEEDS:** STABILITY, CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM.
3. **SPIRITUAL NEEDS:** THESE CAN ONLY BE SATISFIED BY JESUS CHRIST.

Looking closely at the words of this petition “Give us our daily bread”:

1. **GIVE.** The word “GIVE” shows our total dependence on God in everything.
2. **US.** Jesus does not command us to pray “Give Me This Day”. Jesus says, “Give Us This Day”.

Matthew 25:34-36:

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

3. **THIS DAY.** Give us our daily bread THIS DAY. “THIS DAY” remind us not to get ahead of ourselves.

Matthew 6:31-34:

“So do not worry, saying, ‘what shall we eat?’ or ‘what shall we drink?’ or ‘what shall we wear?’ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself...”

2 Thessalonians 3:10b, “...We gave you this command: If anyone will not work, let him not eat”.

Conclusion: When we pray GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD, we are asking God to give us physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. **Give** - Total dependence on God, **Us** - all those who are need, **This day** - one day at a time. Where do you find satisfaction when you have physical, emotional, and Spiritual needs?