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“Prayer of Hope” (3) **“Pray then like this...” (Matthew 6:9)**

Tomorrow’s Bread

Matthew 6:11 – “Give us this day our daily (*epiousios* – *tomorrow’s sustenance, day by day*) bread...”

Exodus 16:29 – “See! The LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Remain each of you in his place; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day.”

Leviticus 25:19-22 – (19) “The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and dwell in it securely. (20) And if you say, ‘What shall we eat in the seventh year, if we may not sow or gather in our crop?’ (21) I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year, so that it will produce a crop sufficient for three years. (22) When you sow in the eighth year, you will be eating some of the old crop; you shall eat the old until the ninth year, when its crop arrives.”

John 21:9, 12(a) – (9) “When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. (12) Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast....’”

God’s Provision shall be Seen

Trampled by Unbelief

2 Kings 7:1-2, 17 – (1) “But Elisha said, ‘Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the LORD, Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.’ (2) Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, ‘If the LORD himself should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?’ But he said, ‘You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it.’ (17) Now the king had appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate. And the people trampled him in the gate, so that he died, as the man of God had said when the king came down to him.”

Permanent Provision

John 6:27-35, 48-51 – (27) “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him

God the Father has set his seal.’ (28) Then they said to him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ (29) Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ (30) So they said to him, ‘Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?’ (31) Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ (32) Jesus then said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. (33) For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ (34) They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ (35) Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’ (48) I am the bread of life. (49) Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. (50) This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. (51) I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Social Security

Proverbs 11:25 – “A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” (NIV)

Isaiah 33:14-16 – (14) “The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: ‘Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?’ (15) He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil, (16) he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure.”

Food for thought:

(1) God is already at what we perceive as future times with our provision in hand.

(2) If God takes care of the most important provision for our souls, can we not trust him to take care of our bodies?

(3) Joyful hope is a function of faith; don’t allow a myriad of worries to trample you along the way to God’s sure supply.

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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