

Jesus the One and Only | Jesus Before My Daily Bread

(Matthew 6:9-11) ⁹This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your name, ¹⁰Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

Our daily bread looks like a ram in a thicket.

(Genesis 22:8) ⁸Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

(Genesis 22:13-14) ¹³Abraham looked up and there in the thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

God's provision for Abraham's need was a life for a life.

(Romans 8:32) ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

(Exodus 16:4-5) ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

By meeting their daily needs, God was creating in His people a sense of daily dependence upon Himself.

When we are dependent upon God, His daily bread for us meets each of the needs of our day.

God meets our daily needs through supernatural provision.

God meets our daily needs through other people.

(James 5:14-15) ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

(Acts 2:44-45) ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

God meets our daily needs through our work.

(2 Thessalonians 3:10) ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

(Psalm 90:17) ¹⁷May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

(Matthew 13:22) ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

When we place our daily needs above Jesus in our hearts, we try to bear the responsibility of meeting our own needs.

When we seek to become our own providers, we become unnecessarily absent from our other responsibilities.

When we fear having unmet needs, worry and anxiety take over the peace in our lives.

(Proverbs 30:7-9) ⁷Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: ⁸Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

We are to pray daily for our daily bread and acknowledge that God is the source of our provision.

If you are lacking strength or resources, ask yourself – how long have I been away from the Source?

(Psalm 34:10) ¹⁰The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

(Matthew 6:33) ³³But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

(Philippians 4:19) ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

(John 6:35) ³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.

When we say "The Lord Will Provide," we can be certain it is true. Jesus is God's great provision for all we need.