Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread  
Matt. 6:11

Introduction:
A. This petition tells us that it is right to care about needs of body.
   1. Jesus urges his disciples to rest and eat (Mk. 6:31).
   2. Paul taught against neglecting and abusing the body (Col. 2:23; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).
B. This petition has three words worth noting:

discussion:

II. “Bread”
A. Recognizes God as the source of our livelihood and prosperity. (Acts 17:28).
B. Recognizes the need to pray about physical needs. (Cf. Prov. 30:8,9; 3 John 2; 1 Tim 4:4,5).
C. Later Jesus warns against over-emphasis on physical needs (vv. 25-33).

III. “Daily”
A. Recognizes the need for daily prayer (cf. 1 Thess. 5:17).
B. Recognizes the need to live each at a time (cf. v. 25).
   1. Should live in “day tight compartments.”
   2. Past is gone forever — can only repent — God forgives.
   3. Future is not here — 90% of worries never come.
   4. Present is enough to handle.
   5. Need to be concerned with today’s duties. (Cf. Heb. 3:12).

IV. “Give”
A. Material blessings are gifts of God to be enjoyed (Acts 14:17; 1 Tim. 6:17).
   1. Should enjoy a good meal (Ill. 2 sons entering the ministry).
   2. Should enjoy good clothes, houses, automobiles, etc.
B. Materials blessings are gifts of God to be received through working (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8).
   1. If food can be a gift we work for, why not salvation? (Phil. 2:12).
   2. If Jericho could be gift Israel worked for, why not salvation (Josh. 6:2).
C. Material blessings can be gifts of God without a miracle.
   1. Pray for food and expect natural answer — even though God once rained manna.
   2. Pray for healing and expect natural answer — even though God healed miraculously.

Conclusion:
A. Let us continue to pray this portion of the prayer daily.
B. Let us thank and glorify God when the answer comes.