

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, July 25, 2021**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 41. Our Daily Bread – Matthew 6:11**

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Matthew 6:11-13 – “Our whole life is found there in those three petitions, and that is what makes this prayer so utterly amazing. In such a small space the Lord has covered the whole of life of the believer in every respect. Our physical needs, our mental needs, and of course, our spiritual needs are included. The body is remembered, the soul is remembered, the spirit is remembered. And that is the whole of man.” – Martin Lloyd-Jones, *Studies on the Sermon on the Mount*, pgs. 341-342

- I. Providential Priorities
  - A. God’s Name, Kingdom, and Will – vs. 9-10
  - B. Human Interest – vs. 11-13
  - C. Today/Daily Needs – James 4:13-17 - “It is the prayer of a lowly and contented mind, of one who is so sanctified that he waits upon God even about his daily food.” - CHS
- II. Providential Provision
  - A. All Your Need – all physical necessities of life are included (food, clothing, housing, job, and other physical necessities) – Phil. 4:19
  - B. Requirements to Pray This – Matt. 7:7-11 – Jesus’ commentary on this petition
    - 1. We must be God’s children
    - 2. As God’s children we are urged to come to Him
    - 3. God delights in answering those who do come
    - 4. We must come regularly and repeatedly – daily – Luke 18:1-8
- III. Providential Purposes
  - A. God Cares for Our Bodies – Matt. 10:27-31
  - B. God Intends that We Live One Day at a Time
    - 1. Trust God for today – Col. 2:6-7
    - 2. Be a good steward for tomorrow – Matt. 25:14-30
    - 3. Without anxiety – Phil. 4:6-7; Matt. 6:25-27
  - C. Feed on Christ – the Bread of Life – John 6:32-35
    - 1. By faith draw closer to Him – John 15:5-8
    - 2. Abide – John 15:9-10
    - 3. Bread Alone? – Luke 4:1-4
    - 4. Utter dependence upon Christ – we cannot live for a day without Him – “Is this not one of the most wonderful things in the whole of Scripture, that God who is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, the God to whom the nations are but as a small dust on the scales – that such a God should be prepared to consider your little needs and mine down to the minutest details in the matter of daily bread?” – MLJ, pg. 344

Conclusion: “An illustration used by Dr AB Simpson gave me great help when I first read it, and it continues to do so in this connection. He said that so many of us tend to think that God as our Father gives us the great gift of grace in one great lump sum, and that, having received it, we just go on living on it. But he said, it is not like that. That would be very dangerous for us. If God just gave us all His glorious gifts of grace in one lump sum, we would be in danger of enjoying the gift and forgetting all about God. For although we cannot understand it, God wants us, and as our Father, He likes us to speak with Him. He is like an earthly father in that respect. The earthly father is grievously wounded by the son who is content to enjoy the gift the father has given him but who never seeks his company again until he has exhausted his supplies and needs some more. No, the father likes the child to come and speak to him; and this is God’s way of doing it. And that is how God deals with us, He does not give it to us all at once. He gives it in installments. God is there in grace offering His guarantee, and all we have to do is present our needs to Him. That is prayer, it is presenting our need, just going to God and asking Him to meet them.” – MLJ, pg. 345

## **Cross References**

### **Matthew 6:9-13**

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### **James 4:13-17**

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

### **Philippians 4:19**

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 7:7-11**

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

### **Luke 18:1-8**

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' " 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

### **Matthew 10:27-31**

27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

## **Colossians 2:6-7**

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

## **Matthew 25:14-30**

14 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ 21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ 23 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 24 “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ 26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

## **Philippians 4:6-7**

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

## **Matthew 6:25-27**

25 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

## **John 6:32-35**

32 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give 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 Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” 35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

**John 15:5-8**

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**John 15:9-10**

9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

**Luke 4:1-4**

4 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’ ”