

The Lord's Prayer - Our Daily Bread

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Hans R. Waldvogel's sermon on 'The Lord's Prayer - Our Daily Bread' emphasizes the importance of prayer, faith, and God's provision in our daily lives.

Scripture: Luke 11:2

Topics: "God's Provision", "Prayer"

Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the profound nature of 'The Lord's Prayer,' particularly the request for daily bread, illustrating that true prayer is a heartfelt connection with God, made possible through Jesus Christ. He highlights that our prayers should be filled with confidence and faith, as God desires to provide for us spiritually and physically. Waldvogel encourages believers to seek God earnestly, assuring them that in seeking, they will find, and that God's provision is abundant for those who trust in Him. He reminds us that the kingdom of God resides within us, and we must choose daily to align ourselves with God's will. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper engagement with God's Word, which nourishes our spiritual lives.

Transcript

Selected Verses:

Luke 11:2, 3. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

Opening:

We've been studying that wonderful prayer called "The Lord's Prayer." And it is indeed the Lord's Prayer; I cannot pray it successfully. Jesus Christ prays it in me--not a thousand times in repetitions, but in every breath I draw, every pulsation of my heart says, "Our Father who art in heaven." For now He is my Father as truly as He is the Father of my Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Someone has written a poem saying:

Near to the heart of God, nearer I cannot be,

For in Jesus Christ, His beloved Son, I'm just as near as He.

And the second verse says:

Dear to the heart of God, dearer I cannot be...

Think of it:

For in Jesus Christ, His only Son, I'm just as dear as He.

"And herein lies love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us." And so when the disciples came and said, "Lord, teach us to pray," it was as if He'd say, "Well, boys, you can't understand it now. Wait till the Holy Ghost is come. He'll make intercession for you with groanings that cannot be uttered, according to the will of God. And you'll find out that all things work together for good to them that love God--your very prayer will be a proof of it." "For we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him."

What good is my prayer if it isn't a prayer in the presence of God--if it doesn't reach the heart of my Father who is in heaven? But beloved, in order to make my prayer so effective, Jesus Christ had to take away my sin, and had to open the way into the Holiest of All, into which place the high priest alone was allowed to enter in Old Testament times.

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Selected Quotes:

Oh, "when will I come to stand before God?" "Send out Thy light and Thy truth. Let them lead me unto Thy holy hill. Then will I go unto God, my exceeding joy." Beloved, that's worshipping God "in Spirit and in truth": when your heart is so deeply in love with God that you can't stand to be without Him anymore, but your soul constantly seeking, constantly seeking. And when your soul is a seeker after God, it is a finder, glory to God! "They that seek me early shall find Me," and "Every one that seeketh, findeth." In the very seeking is the finding granted. In the very asking is the giving. God wants me to ask because He wants to give, glory to God!

And He wants me to ask with confidence, with boldness, with faith, because He wants to give. It isn't my proposition that I should pray and be "filled with all the fullness of God;" it's God's proposition! It isn't my proposition (as I said some time ago) that God should forgive all my transgressions; it's His proposition. It's His will that I should be clean. It isn't my will that I should be healed of all my infirmities; it's His will. And for this cause, "He Himself took my infirmities and bare my sicknesses."

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"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name." Yesterday we considered the words, "Thy kingdom come." Thy kingdom come... Where's the kingdom of God going to be? Why, it's going to be no place but inside of me, or I won't know anything about the kingdom of God. That's what I'm here for. I am His kingdom, and my business is to make my choice every day between the devil and God. And when I say, "Thy kingdom come," I "resist the devil."

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"He is our life." Hallelujah! He is my joy. He is my peace. He is my "All and in all." Oh, beloved, I need to know wherein the kingdom of God consists. It isn't something I make. I don't manufacture joy or peace or love: that's given to me when I let Jesus Christ be the one--when I let Him reign, when in the very place where sin reigned, and where I allowed sin to gag me, now I plug into the current of heaven, and

presently, I'm electrified.

Faith is that attachment. Faith is that victory. Faith relates to the fullness of Holy Ghost: "That you might be filled with all the fullness of God." "Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." And you can boldly step out on it. You can't do it; I cannot do it. We know what failures we are in ourselves, hallelujah! But today we rejoice, "We glory in our infirmities, that the power of Christ might rest upon us."

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Why, it says, "How much more shall your heavenly Father..." He feeds the sparrows and the ravens. "How much more you, O ye of little faith." You don't have to bother about that. Don't question, "What shall we eat, or what shall we drink?" but "Labor for the meat which perisheth not." "I am that bread of life" which "the Father giveth unto you." Beloved, that's how the Father cares for His children.

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Do you know why we're so lean spiritually? Do you know how to be "filled with all the fullness of God"? It cannot come any other way but by God's way: "Man shall not live by bread alone..." "The word that proceedeth out of My mouth..." Oh, how gracious is my Father to send His Word in the form of Jesus Christ, and guarantee in the face of all hell that every word of God is full of power, full of life. "The words that I speak unto you are Spirit, and are life." "Blessed are your ears for they hear."

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But do you know God has something infinitely better for every one of His children? How sad His heart must be if I don't allow my Father to care for me like that, to give me His word. How that word will change me! Why, God says, "It'll produce the fruit for which I sent it. It'll do the very thing unto which I sent it." Beloved, we would all be filled with exceeding great faith today, and we ought to be. We ought to be teachers today. We ought to have that word in us, because that word is substance, that word is "bread by which man shall live eternally." And we're careless!

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But beloved, Father is waiting. Jesus says, "Father is in secret. He's in your heart. He is there to feed you--to give you the bread of heaven." Oh, it's very different when God does it. Do you know that? Do you know that we don't take time enough? We're not still enough over the Bible. You can't get it just by looking at it or reading it over.

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Illustrations:

A story of a father providing bread for his children. "I said, 'Job had boils, and you've got boys.' But he cared for them." (from 14:39)

An illustration of an inheritance lost. (from 22:57)

Cooking illustrations. "Do you know the blessing of meeting your Father over His word every day?" (from 27:43)

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