

Wisdom Not Worry
Thursday, June 18, 2020
Matthew 6:11

"Give us this day our daily bread"

If you are keeping track, we have had seven devotionals on just the opening Godward lines of the Lord's prayer. Perhaps you are saying to yourself, "I'm all for hallowing the Father's name and praying for His kingdom, but when do I get to ask God for what I need?" You'll be pleased to know Jesus teaches us how to pray for our daily needs as well – "Give us this day our daily bread." But if you think this means His glory is no longer in view, you would be mistaken. Here's the genius of Jesus' prayer. Even asking for our daily needs is about the glory of His name. Listen to what Agur, one of the writers of the Proverbs says:

"Two things I ask of you, LORD... give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, 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" (Prov. 30:7-9).

Do you hear what he's saying? Father, don't give me too much or I might say, "I don't need you." Don't give me too little or might be tempted to take matters into my own hands and by so doing suggest, "God doesn't care!" Please give me just what I need today so that I don't dishonor Your name. Give me just enough to keep me dependent on You and to show others you always take care of your own. Then tomorrow, I'll come back again to ask the same. You see, even petitioning for our needs is about promoting His name.

Grateful,
Pastor Ben