

Good News for the Hungry

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What are you hungry for?

1. **Bread:** *What is this 'bread' we are to ask for?*

Give us each day our daily **bread**. – Luke 11:3

What is 'bread'?

It is food and physical needs and provision for this life and what we hunger for/desire and Jesus who is the Bread of Life and the Holy Spirit; in other words, all we could or should need or desire.

Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 11:11-13; John 6:35; Nehemiah 9:15; Jeremiah 42:14; Ezekiel 18:7; Acts 27:35; 1 Corinthians 5:8; Judges 7:13; Isaiah 55:2; Matthew 26:26; John 6:32; John 6:48; Matthew 5:6; Luke 6:21; John 6:35

What encouragement do we have to ask like this?

All the instances in Scripture where God provided in miraculous (manna in the wilderness, Moses on Mt. Sinai, feeding Elijah, loaves for the multitudes, Jesus' answers to people's requests) and non-miraculous ways (feeding the birds).

Genesis 41:54; Exodus 16:4; Exodus 16:15; Exodus 16:29; 1 Kings 17:6; 1 Kings 17:11; 1 Kings 19:6; 1 Kings 4:42-44; Matthew 14:17; Matthew 15:34; Matthew 6:25-26

Truth: God is able and willing to satisfy our every hunger and meet our every need because of Jesus as we can see in the many illustrations in Scripture, so we are to ask Him for our food, for all we need for our physical life, for all we need for life in this fallen world, for the Bread of Life (Jesus) and for the Holy Spirit.

2. **Timing:** *What does it mean to get this bread each day or daily?*

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When should we expect God to provide?

God will provide one day at a time, on time.

Luke 11:5-10; Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 6:34

What about the times when believers go hungry?

God will provide what we need and desire if it will bring us good and Him glory.

Philippians 1:29; Romans 8:35-37; Philippians 4:12; James 2:15; 1 John 3:17; 1 Corinthians 4:11; Matthew 4:2-4; Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 8:3; Psalm 37:25; Psalm 105:16; Psalm 34:10; Proverbs 10:3; 2 Corinthians 6:5; 2 Corinthians 11:27; Revelation 7:16; John 14:13

Truth: God may not always satisfy our every hunger and meet our every need because of Jesus, but He will give what we need each day for His glory and for our good.

3. Giving: What should we think is involved in God giving and our receiving?

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Does this mean that all I need to do is ask?

Should we expect God to keep us alive without food like Moses? Should we expect God to feed us from heaven like the manna in the wilderness?

We are to pray, work, give, and depend on others to see God answer this prayer.

Acts 2:45; Romans 12:13; 2 Corinthians 8:14; Ephesians 4:28; Matthew 25:35; Isaiah 58:7; John 6:31; Mark 2:25; Acts 20:34; 1 Thessalonians 4:12; Genesis 3:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:12; Proverbs 12:11; Proverbs 19:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:10; Ephesians 4:28

Why is asking for what I need and what others need important?

I should see prayer as loving and glorifying God and loving others by how I respond to needs.

Mark 12:29-31; Romans 13:8-10; Philippians 4:19; 1 John 3:22; Luke 15:17

Truth: God calls us to trust Him to satisfy our hunger and meet our need according to His wisdom and goodness as we pray, work, give and depend on others, not because He needs our prayers but because we need the process as much as the product.

What could you do to apply this to your life today?

- Ask God for everything you (and others) need, desire and hunger for.
- Thank God for everything you receive today as His answer to your prayers.
- Pray more, work more, give more, depend more.
- Rest in Jesus so you can go to God as your Father with confidence.