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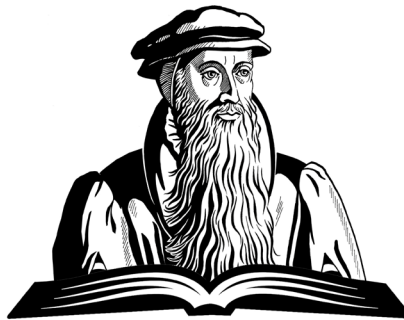
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The Fourth Petition**
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The Lord's Prayer: The Fourth Petition

Memorization

Question 104: *What do we pray for in the fourth petition?*

Answer: *In the fourth petition (which is, "Give us this day our daily bread") we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. Our daily portion.
3. Our merciful gift.
4. Our needed blessing.
5. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define the phrase "a competent portion" as it is used in this lecture.

2. Paraphrase the answer to this question or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. What is Christ referring to by his use of the word “bread” in this petition?

2. What is the picture of a daily portion that is given to us in Exodus chapter 16? What is the significance of it?

3. Is this petition an expression of what we want? Or it is what we need? What is the difference? Explain your answer.

4. How does this petition teach us the key to contentment? What other Bible passages teach that?

5. Why did Christ teach us to use the word “give” in this petition?

6. Does this petition mean that we should not work for our provisions? What does the Bible tell us about working?

7. If we have a duty to work, then how can we understand “Give us this day our daily bread”?

8. What does the Bible tell us about how every living creature in this world depends upon God to give them what they need to live?

9. If God provides freely to both his people and his enemies, why then should we pray this petition?

10. What are some of the other gifts from God that are included in the word “bread” in this petition?

Further Studies

1. May we not have convenient outward provisions without our asking?

2. Why do we need to ask of God daily for outward provisions if we may have them without asking?

Practical Application

1. How does this fourth petition connect to the first three petitions in the Lord's Prayer? How does the truth of this petition encourage your personal prayer life?

2. How does this petition inspire our gratitude to God in the Lord Jesus Christ? How does this petition encourage you to live in close fellowship with God through Christ?

Project Ideas

If one of your friends said to you, "I think the fourth petition is in obvious conflict because God requires us to ask from him, but still requires us to work hard." How would you answer him? What is the relationship of God's sovereign provision and man's responsibility to work?
