

-He has...on the basis of his heavenly character and father relationship... what is needed for the sustenance of his people.

-He gives...as he is asked in accord with the proper commitment to his will and movement in lines that hallow his name.

Many, we might note, would like to receive the daily provision, who are unwilling to make the other matters of the prayer personal and real. That is how it was at times with Israel in the wilderness-- they rejoiced when he gave them "things" but they would not be ruled by God, himself. It is a tragic commentary if our own circumstances follow that pattern in whole or in part.

b. A Matter of Necessity: Day by Day.

(1) Strange to say, it is impossible to store in one phase of life what will last for a lifetime. One may be glutted with food, today, and tomorrow feel famished. Somehow the satisfactions of yesterday do not sustain us that well today. So with what is needed for life and its spatterns...it is a matter of "daily bread"

(2) Each day brings new challenge. The strength needed for that day is often not even known on the previous day. But even if it were, there is no guarantee that one could store enough for such a period of time. There have been several fine gospel songs written along this line and I would quote one but for respect of the copyright laws. But in essence, what you had yesterday will not do for today. It is necessary you have your "daily bread".

(3) And perhaps it goes without saying, but it is necessary that you petition it at the hand of God. Not that he makes a legal requairement of his children at this point but for their sakes they learn to ask and to be strengthened in the p-roviding grace of God.