

LOGISTICAL GRACE

Our lesson comes from the **model prayer of Jesus** also recorded in Matt.6:9-13.

Luke gives the shorter version to Gentile believers while Matthew gives the longer version to Jewish believers.

We will examine our lesson text by the following three homiletic points.

- Lord (Lk.11:1) Disciple's request – teach us to pray like JB
- Lesson (Lk.11:2-4) Delineate request by four imperatives (hallow, come, give, and forgive)
- Logistical grace (Lk.11:3) Daily bread

Logistical grace is taken from military science to help explain God's faithfulness in supplying and sustaining the believer in the course of the angelic conflict during biblical history.

One biblical example of logistical grace is the Exodus generation wandering in the desert for 40 years (**Deut.8:1-10**). We will examine this passage by the following five homiletic points.

- Follow (Deut.8:1-2) Word of God
- Feed (Deut.8:3; **Matt.4:4**) Word of God
- Feet (Deut.8:4-6) Walk by faith (2 Cor.5:7)
- Fruitful (Deut.8:7-10) Worship God
- Future (Deut.8:19-20) Won't listen to word of God

We will begin by examining the Greek grammar of the daily bread portion of the model prayer.

“**Give** (didomi / p.a.impv.2ps) **us** (hemin / dplm) [dative of advantage of being a child of God] **each day** (kata+acc. to hemera) [according to the norm and standards of needs each and every day] **our** (hemon / gplm) [genitive of personal reference] **daily** (ton epiousia) [necessities for existence] **bread** (ton artos) [basic existence until fruitful].” (Luke 11:3) [7 Greek words]

This lesson will draw six important doctrinal principles regarding Logistical Grace from the daily bread portion of the model prayer.

1. Each believer can approach everyday with confidence that God has promised to provide the necessities for his daily existence.

This is stated by the p.a.impv.2pl of didomi – Father, give me my daily bread! This is a child declaring forcefully his needs to his caring parent (Lk.11:11-13; **Matt.7:9-12**; Gal.4:4-7).

Most immature children ask or cry or nag or whine rather than demand.

2. The Father-child relationship by means of faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ is what gives the believer the advantage regarding logistical grace provisions.

This is stated by the personal pronoun (hemin / dplm / **us**).

Jesus made reference to **the us** with the reversionistic Israelites in the wilderness when God supplied logistical grace because of Christ

(John 6:48-58) “And all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was **Christ**.” (1 Cor.10:3-4)

3. Because of the Church Age Believer’s (CAB) position in Christ, he can be confident that God will meet the norm and standards of his needs each and every day as daily bread (Eph.1:3; 2:8-9).

This is stated by this prepositional phrase (kata+acc. to hemera/ each and every day).

Every CAB has unlimited grace resources in Christ:

(1 Cor.15:10) “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace towards me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.” (2 Cor.9:8-10; 11:9; 12:9)

4. God will deal with each believer’s daily needs personally.

This is stated by the personal pronoun (hemon / gplm) [our / personal reference].

(Phil.4:19, 18) “And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

(Heb.4:16) “Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find **grace to help in time of need**.”

5. God will provide for the daily necessities of life for the CAB based on his position in Christ.

This is stated in the word daily (ton epiousia) [the necessities for existence]. How God chooses to do this can be very exciting with a grace attitude. For example, **Elijah** was fed by ravens and by a poor widow in 1 Kings 17:2-7; 8-16.

6. God’s Word has promised to supply the basic necessities of life to sustain the believer in the course of the angelic conflict.

This is stated by the word bread (ton artos) [basic necessities until fruitful times].

(Prov.30:8) “Keep deception and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches; **feed me with the food that is my portion**.”

(Phil.4:11-13) “Not that I speak from want; for I have **learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am**. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have **learned the secret** of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. **I can do all things through Him who strengthens me**.”