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IS THE BREAD ORMO?

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN....

**GIVE US TODAY
OUR DAILY BREAD**

PRAYER IS REVELATION OF THE FATHER

LUKE 11:13

“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him”

- Matthew, Mark and Luke: Jesus addressing God as father is given well over 100 times.
- John used it 60 plus times.

Closest disciple and friend of Jesus was apostle John who observed this revelation of the Father:

John 14:31

"but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me"

- *John 5:19*
- *John 6:44*
- *John 8:49*
- *John 10:15*
- *John 10:30*
- *John 14:28*
- *John 14:31*
- *John 15:10*
- *John 16:28*

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US..?

HOW MUCH MORE.....Luke 11:13

- **Roman 8:14-15** “abba Father”
- **Romans 8:31-32** “graciously give us all things”

- PRAYER IS REVELATION OF THE FATHER

PRAYER IS RELATIONAL WITH THE FATHER

LUKE 11:11-12

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?”

JOHN 5:19

"Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner."

John 11:41-42

"Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

In the context of asking God, of petition
“Give us today our daily bread”

Maybe you struggle with idea of God as Father

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I reject the lie.....I accept the truth

I reject the lie that my Father God is.....	I accept the truth that Father God is.....
Distant & uninterested	Intimate & involved (Ps139v1-18)
Insensitive & uncaring	Kind & compassionate (Ps 103v8-14)
Stern & demanding	Accepting, full of love & joy (Rms 15v7, Zeph 3v17)
Passive & cold	Warm & affectionate (Isa 40v11, Hosea 11v3-4)
Too busy for me	Always with me & eager to be (Heb 13v5, Jer 31v20, Ezek 34v11-16)
Never satisfied with me	Patient & slow to anger (Exodus 34v6, 2 Pet 3v9)

Maybe your struggle is different?
The challenge to *slow down* enough
from the *epidemic of hurry*



"If the results you are getting are lousy - anxiety at a simmer, mild depression, high levels of stress, chronic emotional burnout, little to no sense of the presence of God, an inability to focus your mind on the things that make for life, etc.-then the odds are very good that something about the system that is your life is off kilter. The way you've organized your morning (or evening) routine, your schedule, your budget, your relationship to your phone; how you manage your resources of time, money, and attention, etc.- something is out of whack."

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World
John Mark Comer

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- PRAYER IS RELATIONAL WITH THE FATHER

PRAYER IS REWARDING
FROM THE FATHER

LUKE 11:9

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK:

- means a repeated act versus a one-time act or occasional act
- Ask (and keep asking), and it will be given you. Seek (and keep seeking), and you will find. Knock (and keep knocking) and the door will be opened for you.
- Asking implies humility, recognise God's superiority

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK:

Jesus is not saying that believers always get what they ask for!

- Wrong motives will hinder answers to prayer (James 4:2-3).
- Husbands - how do treat your wife? (1 Peter 3:7).

**WHAT IS IT BELIEVERS
OUGHT TO BE SEEKING?**

**GOD HIMSELF!
NOT JUST ANSWERS TO PRAYER**

- You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says to you, ‘Your face, Lord, do I seek’” (*Psalms 27:8*).
- “The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing” (*Psalms 34:10*).
- “Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!” (*Psalms 105:4*).
- “Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart” (*Psalms 119:2*).

CONCLUSION:

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN APPLY THE MESSAGE TODAY TO YOUR LIFE?

- **Head** — How should you change what you *think* or *believe*?
- **Heart** — How should you change your *character* or *what you love*?
- **Hands** — How should you change your *actions*?