



## **Pass the Bread Pt. 2**

**Sunday Sermon – 5/11/2025**

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**Matthew 6:8-11 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread.**

When we talk about passing the bread, part of our focus is on how God passes the bread down to us so we can pass a generous portion out to others.

**Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

We understand that our daily bread is His spiritual nourishment and physical sustenance, which come from the riches of the Father through Christ Jesus.

These riches are linked to the spiritual blessings that God has laid up for us before we entered this reality.

**Ephesians 1:4 (NLT) Even before he made the world, (Kosmos- the physical worlds). God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.**

And the things that He has laid up for us all within the promises of God.

**2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.**

**2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT) By his divine power, God has (Past tense) given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has (Past tense) given us great and precious promises.**

**1 John 2:24-25 (NLT) So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. 25 And in this fellowship, we enjoy (Present tense) the eternal life he promised us.**

Therefore, we must remain **faithful** and **focused** in order to receive the abundance God has promised us in His Word.

As we pray, **"Give us this day our daily bread,"** we acknowledge God as the ultimate source of all our desired resources.

These provisions can come directly from Him and the form of instant manifestations that are unexplainable, but more than likely they will come through the different ways He meets our needs, mainly through the hands of others.



**Luke 6:38 (KJV) Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.**

God calls the church one body because of the uniqueness of its members.

**1 Corinthians 12:12, 24 (NLT) The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ...24 ...So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. 25 This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other.**

We are made to rely on one another as we all draw our physical strength and spiritual nourishment from faith in Christ. Don't let pride stop you from accepting help from other believers. We are meant to support one another, and certain challenges should be faced in collaboration with others.

**Hebrews 13:16 (NIV) states, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."**

We need to recognize ourselves not only as givers but also as recipients of the generosity of those whom God leads to help, support, and bless us.

One of the stipulations that gives us the right to ask this way is what is written in.

**Luke 6:38 (ERV) Give to others, and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you."**

If we desire bread (both physical and spiritual riches), we must be willing for God to use us as a source of these same riches for others.

**Philippians 4:19 (Amplified Version), "And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."**

*Notice it says, "God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need."*

We should always expect God to bless us abundantly, not just with enough, but with more than enough.

Giving us more than enough is one of the reasons Jesus came to this earth.

**John 10:10 (Amplified Version) The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).**

**All we need is what we need, and we all need more than enough!!!**

We should position ourselves to receive from God by applying His principles and expecting His promises to manifest where they are needed and or desired.



**Deuteronomy 28:9-12 (NLT) "If you obey the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways, the Lord will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do.**

Note: if we've already received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior under the new covenant, we are already considered His holy people.

**1 Peter 2:9 But you are (Present Tense) a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people.**

Under the New Covenant, we don't qualify to be His holy people by doing good works, because Jesus did the work and kept the commandments. We are qualified by accepting Him as our Lord and Savior. Jesus extends to us the gift of His Righteousness and Holy nature, presenting it to our Heavenly Father on our behalf. In doing so, He bridges the gap between our imperfections and the divine standard of holiness, allowing us to stand justified and accepted in God's presence.

Our obedience does not make us holy, but our faithfulness and obedience do position us to receive the manifestations that come with His promise of eternal life.

**Hebrews 5:8-9 (NLT) Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. 9 In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation (Jesus is the source of Eternal Life John 10:10) for all those who obey him.**

**Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land.**

Obedience here deals with our actions, but being willing to obey deals with the state of our heart.

Because we are His holy people, we can claim the rest of the promise written in **Deuteronomy 28**.

**Deuteronomy 28:10 Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the Lord, and they will stand in awe of you.**

**11 "The Lord will give you prosperity in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, blessing you with many children, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. 12 The Lord will send rain at the proper time from his rich treasury in the heavens and will bless all the work you do.**

When we apply his principles by faith, He will pass the bread down to us, so we can pass a generous portion out to others.

**Deuteronomy 15:7-8 "But if there are any poor Israelites in your towns when you arrive in the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward them. 8 Instead, be generous and lend them whatever they need.**

Why should God give to you abundantly if you don't have a heart to give generously?

The Father will meet our needs in ways that align with His perfect will and timing.

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The riches are in Christ Jesus, so we need to find out what they are so we can know the type of daily bread we can ask and expect to manifest.

**Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every (means more than one) spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**

**Ephesians 6:8 Knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.**