

# **FA22. Praying for Daily Provisions.**

*We are to pray for daily provisions.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 6:9-11

*You, therefore, pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven! May your Name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us the food we need today.*

Luke 11:2-3

*He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, May your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come. Give us each day the food we need.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 4:4

John 6:31

John 6:35

John 6:58

Philippians 4:19

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

BA39 Acknowledging God's and Yeshua's Kindness & Blessings

BA44 Relying on God

BA62 Seeking Rest and Refreshment in God

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Genesis 22:14

*Avraham called the place ADONAI Yir'eh [[ADONAI will see (to it), ADONAI provides]- as it is said to this day, "On the mountain ADONAI is seen."*

Exodus 16:13-15

*That evening, quails came up and covered the camp; while in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the dew had evaporated, there on the surface of the desert was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Isra'el saw it, they asked each other, "Man hu? [What is it?]" because they didn't know what it was. Moshe answered them, "It is the bread which ADONAI has given you to eat.*

Exodus 16:29-31

*Look, ADONAI has given you the Shabbat. This is why he is providing bread for two days on the sixth day. Each of you, stay where you are; no one is to leave his place on the seventh day."*

<sup>30</sup> *So the people rested on the seventh day. The people called the food man. It was like coriander seed, white; and it tasted like honey cakes.*

Numbers 11:6-9

*But now we're withering away, we have nothing to look at but this man." The man, by the way, was like coriander seed and white like gum resin. The people would go around gathering it and would grind it up in mills or pound it to paste with mortar and pestle. Then they would cook it in pots and make it into loaves that tasted like cakes baked with olive oil. When the dew settled on the camp during the night, the man came with it.*

Numbers 11:31-32

*and ADONAI sent out a wind which brought quails from across the sea and let them fall near the camp, about a day's trip away on each side of the camp and all around it, covering the ground to a depth of three feet. The people stayed up all that day, all night and all the next day gathering the quails- the person gathering the least collected ten heaps; then they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.*

Deuteronomy 8:3

*He humbled you, allowing you to become hungry, and then fed you with man, which neither you nor your ancestors had ever known, to make you understand that a person does not live on food alone but on everything that comes from the mouth of ADONAI.*

Deuteronomy 8:16

*who fed you in the desert with man, unknown to your ancestors; all the while humbling and testing you in order to do you good in the end-*

Nehemiah 9:15

*For their hunger you gave them bread from heaven; for their thirst you brought forth for them water from the rock. You ordered them to enter and possess the land you had sworn with your hand to give them.*

Psalms 78:23-25

*So he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven. He rained down man on them as food; he gave them grain from heaven- mortals ate the bread of angels; he provided for them to the full.*

Psalms 105:40

*When they asked, he brought them quails and satisfied them with food from heaven.*

Isaiah 55:1-2

*Why spend money for what isn't food, your wages for what doesn't satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and you will eat well, you will enjoy the fat of the land.*

## **Comment**

2 Corinthians 9:10 assures us that “*He who provides both seed for the planter and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your tzedakah.*” Why then does Yeshua in Matthew 6:9-11 and Luke 11:2-3 exhort us to pray to God that He “*Give us each day the food we need?*” It seems that we are to pray for that which is already promised. I believe the reason is to remind us on a daily basis that it is God who provides for us and that we must not forget to thank him for it.

If we are limited in our thinking, we might assume that Scripture’s reference to God’s provision of bread is only physical food such as the manna and quail that God provided during Israel’s exodus from Egypt. But John 6:50-51 says otherwise:

*“But the bread that comes down from heaven is such that a person may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that has come down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. Furthermore, the bread that I will give is my own flesh; and I will give it for the life of the world.”*

This is but one of several Scriptures that refer to Yeshua as the “bread of life” – not life limited to this world but eternal life. Whereas we are to pray to God and thank him for our physical provision daily, we only need to receive Yeshua as our Messiah once to acquire him as our bread of eternal life.

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