

Scripture: Luke 12:13-34

Singing: 311:1, 4, 5 – 169 – 395 – 451:1, 5, 9

THE 4TH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

I. Importance of it II. The confession of it III. The scope of it

I. The Importance of the 4th petition

A. Clearly not as important as the first three petitions: Matt. 6:33

B. Yet Jesus listed the 4th as the first in the list of our personal needs

II. The confession in the 4th petition

A. That we trust our Father for our day-by-day needs

1. We come to our Father in heaven Who also Lord of all the earth(ly)

a. Matt. 7:7-11; Ps. 50:10; James 1:5

2. We must not make a wrong application: we will face needs!

a. John 16:33; 2 Cor. 11:27; Heb. 11:37

b. yet all our needs will be supplied: Ps. 23:1

B. That we acknowledge the Father's sovereignty in His providing

C. That we acknowledge the bread to be *our* bread (1 Cor. 3:22)

D. That we acknowledge that we share the bread needs: *us – our*

III. The scope of this petition

A. We ask for 'bread' i.e. all things necessary for body

1. all things necessary is more than just 'food and drink needs'

2. all things necessary *excludes whatever beyond* what is needed

B. We ask for ‘*daily bread*’ (1 Tim. 6:8)

C. We ask for our daily bread *for this day* (Luke 12:22)

Reflection: When we pray 4th

A. We confess our life in hand of our Father Who alone cares & provides

B. We are reminded to be moderate and content with ‘enough’

C. We are never to forget God joined *prayer to work* and *work to prayer*.

D. We are to be inspired with daily gratitude instead of pride (Dan. 4:30;
Deut. 8:17).