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Sermon Outline 11

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“Bread For The Wilderness Journey”

Scripture – Psalm 78:23-29

Text — Matthew 6:9, 11

Introduction: For 40 years the Children of Israel wandered through the wilderness. They began each day by going outside their tents and gathering their daily bread—the manna sent down from Heaven. They picked up only what they would use or share for that day. Any kept overnight spoiled and gave off a terrible stench. There was one exception—that gathered on the 6th day was to be a double portion that was divinely preserved to last through the 7th day. There was no bread to gather on the Sabbath. The Lord provided for that day in His own way. The daily bread for the Sabbath was provided supernaturally as usual, but in addition was preserved supernaturally as well. Those who followed God's directions ate: those who didn't did not! This truth of the manna was no doubt the soil from which Jesus' advice on prayer sprang. "Give us this day our daily bread." Friends, we're in the wilderness; we need our daily bread!

I. Order Your Lunch – Ask for your daily bread

1. Some do not eat because they don't order...
 - A. "... ye have not because ye ask not." James 4:2
 - a. (Government official criticized Christianity's failure to change the world)
 - B. Have you ordered your lunch?
 - a. Begin each day with your request for your daily bread
 - b. You can go to McDonalds and never order and starve to death
2. Some order wrong...
 - A. "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss."
 - a. e.g., wrong order in restaurant
 - c. Too many ask selfishly
 - #1 Seek God first and righteousness, Mat. 6:33
 - (a) God will serve self (us) all things
 - d. We don't know what we need for the day
 - #1 We can't leave an order like we used to for the bread or milk man
 - (a) "Daily Bread" leaves details to God who knows what and how much to put in our lunch sack. Let Him pack it!
 - When we don't know what to pray for, Spirit makes intercession with groanings that can't be uttered -- Rom. 8:26
 - #2 Jesus sitting at the Father's right hand asks., to obtain our daily bread for us. – Romans 8:34
 3. We grab our sack lunch and face the day
 - A. Brown bag at high school (scrambled egg sandwich)

II. Eat Your Lunch

1. Hunger pangs don't always wait for mealtime
 - A. Eat when you need to—reach into that lunch sack!
2. Situations demand our bread
 - A. Things go wrong on the job
 - a. Boss is grumpy - **Eat**
 - #1 His grace is sufficient II Corinthians 12:9
 - b. Machinery breaks down - **Eat**
 - #1 Elisha and axe head
 - "All things work together for good" Romans 8:28
 - c. Injury - **Eat**
 - #1 (Paul stoned & strengthened) Acts 14:19, 20
 - B. Things go wrong at home
 - a. Domestic argument - **Eat**
 - #1 Better to eat of God's grace than to eat your own words later. Better to eat of the words of the Master than to eat crow!
 - b. Sickness - **Eat**
 - #1 God has a bagful of goodies concerning healing - Is. 53:5, Ps. 30:2, Jas 5:15, I Pet 2:24, Mk. 16:18, etc
 - c. Bills multiply - **Eat**
 - d. Various needs arise - **Eat**
 - #1 Supply all your needs -- Philippians 4:19
 - #2 (Coupon for coffee fell to the floor just as I needed it)
 - C. Expected problems
 - a. Scheduled events – doctor visits, operations, mortgage payments, taxes; put in your own problems - **Eat**
 - #1 You've been there—you are there! **Eat**
 - D. Unexpected difficulties
 - a. Mother-in-law visits, plans to stay till Memorial Day—and and its only February! **Eat!**
 - b. Flat tire
 - c. Car won't start
 - d. Illness
 - e. Real Tragedy—Loss of Loved One
 - #1 Christ will eat the bread of sorrows with us (Mary, Martha)
 - #2 He will offer bread of consolation
 - #3 He will offer bread of hope of reunion
 - f. Own death
 - #1 We can approach Pearly Gates munching on a sandwich of the bread of life, dripping with honey from the Rock of Ages, and the Master will be walking at our side. (“I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone”)

III. Share Your Lunch

1. Israelites gathered manna for themselves and for others
 - A. Shared with...
 - a. Elderly

- b. Sick
- c. Infirm
- d. Those who couldn't gather for themselves
 - #1 Here is the key to correcting our social support systems
- B. What they refused to share was lost
 - a. "Save life, lose it" -- Matthew 16:25
 - b. (Boaz & Ruth's closest kin -- Ruth 4)
- 2 . Bear one another's burdens -- Galatians 6:2
- 3 . Whatsoever ye would men should do to you -- Mat. 7:12
- 4 . Many hungry people out there in the wilderness—share your lunch, your daily bread with them—then both head for the great Marriage Supper in the Sky!

Conclusion: Order your lunch, eat your lunch, share your lunch. Like the little boy, you will feed a multitude, eat, and have more than you started with!

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