



SERMON OUTLINE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

(LORD'S PRAYER sermon series)

The Kitchen *God's Abundant Table*

(Matthew 6:11 – “Give us this day our daily bread”)

INTRODUCTION: *The culture of the kitchen – humorous stories about food & eating*

I. EVERY HOUSE HAS A **KITCHEN** . . . ESPECIALLY THE GREAT HOUSE OF GOD

- A. We enter **God's kitchen** and pray:
Give us this day our daily bread (Matthew 6:11)
- B. The same Hand that guides your soul, feeds your body; your eternal salvation and your evening meal come from the same Hand
- C. In the Bible, heaven is often pictured as a great kitchen banquet table (**Isaiah 25**)
- D. How fitting for today's *All Saints Day* remembrance of Mella, Barry, & Eduard

II. *GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD* TEACHES US TWO PRINCIPLES

A. Principle #1: *Don't be Shy, ask!*

1. “**Give us**” is an invitation to bold dependence on God
2. All of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer before this one focus on Who God is & how much He loves us; now He invites us to ask boldly for *daily bread*
3. Luther explained that *daily bread* includes all we need for daily life
4. King David celebrated that God cares for all our needs (**Psalm 37:3-4**)
5. The truth is, if we got what we deserved, we'd be in BIG trouble (**Romans 3:23; 6:23**)
6. But because of Jesus we receive daily bread & the riches of eternity (**2 Corinthians 8:9; 1 Chronicles 29:14**)

B. Principle #2: *Trust the Cook!*

1. Praying “*give us this day our daily bread*” is really praying: *O God, whatever YOU want me to have is all I really want . . . YOU know what is best for me*
2. Some days our plates run over with blessings & we say “*my cup runneth over*” (**Psalm 23:5**)
3. Some days our plates contain difficulties we would not choose & we cling to God's promises (**Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Philippians 4:12-13**)

CONCLUSION: *In God's kitchen we hold up our plates... trust the Cook... and know that He delights in providing for our needs... from now unto life everlasting.*

