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Part 4 | **GIVE US TODAY…** (Matthew 6:11)

Learning to be dependent on our Father

Jesus didn't teach us to pray, "Father, give us enough so that we will never have to depend on You again!" He taught us to pray, "Give us TODAY our DAILY BREAD." **God's provision is based on His faithfulness. Our responsibility is to trust and obey Him.**

UNDERSTANDING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S PROVISION…

1. **God provides because He's our heavenly Father.**
   - Matthew 6:25-34 …*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*… (Matthew 7:9–11; Romans 8:32)

2. **God knows what we need, when we need it, and how best to provide it.** Although at times God wants us to ask Him for specific things so our faith will grow He already knows what we need! Prayer is not about enlightening God of our needs but to express our dependence upon Him.
   - Matthew 6:8 *Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.* (Matthew 7:11)

3. **God wants us to depend on Him, not just on the things He gives us.** God desires a daily relationship, not an occasional encounter. Just as Israel had to trust Him each morning for manna, we must learn to depend on Him for each day's needs.
   - Exodus 16:4 *Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions."*

- Scan the code to read about God's miraculous provision as Israel wandered in the wilderness!
- Jesus, the TRUE Manna. (John 6:32-35)



KEYS TO PROVISION

1. **Give the LORD His rightful place in our lives.**
   - Matthew 6:33 *But seek FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you*.

2. **The importance of the Tithe**
   - Israel was robbing God | Malachi 3:10 "*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty (Jehovah Sabaoth, the LORD of Hosts), "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it…"*
   - God promises abundant provision, His protection over what He provides, and a testimony of His faithfulness that causes others to recognize His blessing on our lives.

3. **Generosity**
   - Proverbs 11:24–25 (TPT) …*Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them, and the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor*. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

A WORD ABOUT JEHOVAH JIREH, The LORD who provides

1. **In Genesis 22:14** God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac. God's greatest provision were not material possessions He gave us to possess, but Someone who would take upon Himself the sin of every human being, past, present, future.
   - If God has already given us His greatest gift, His Son, how can we doubt His willingness to provide for our needs?

2. **Question** | When God doesn't provide what you want, when you want it, or how you expect it, will you still fully trust Him as Jehovah Jireh, the One who Sees and Provides?