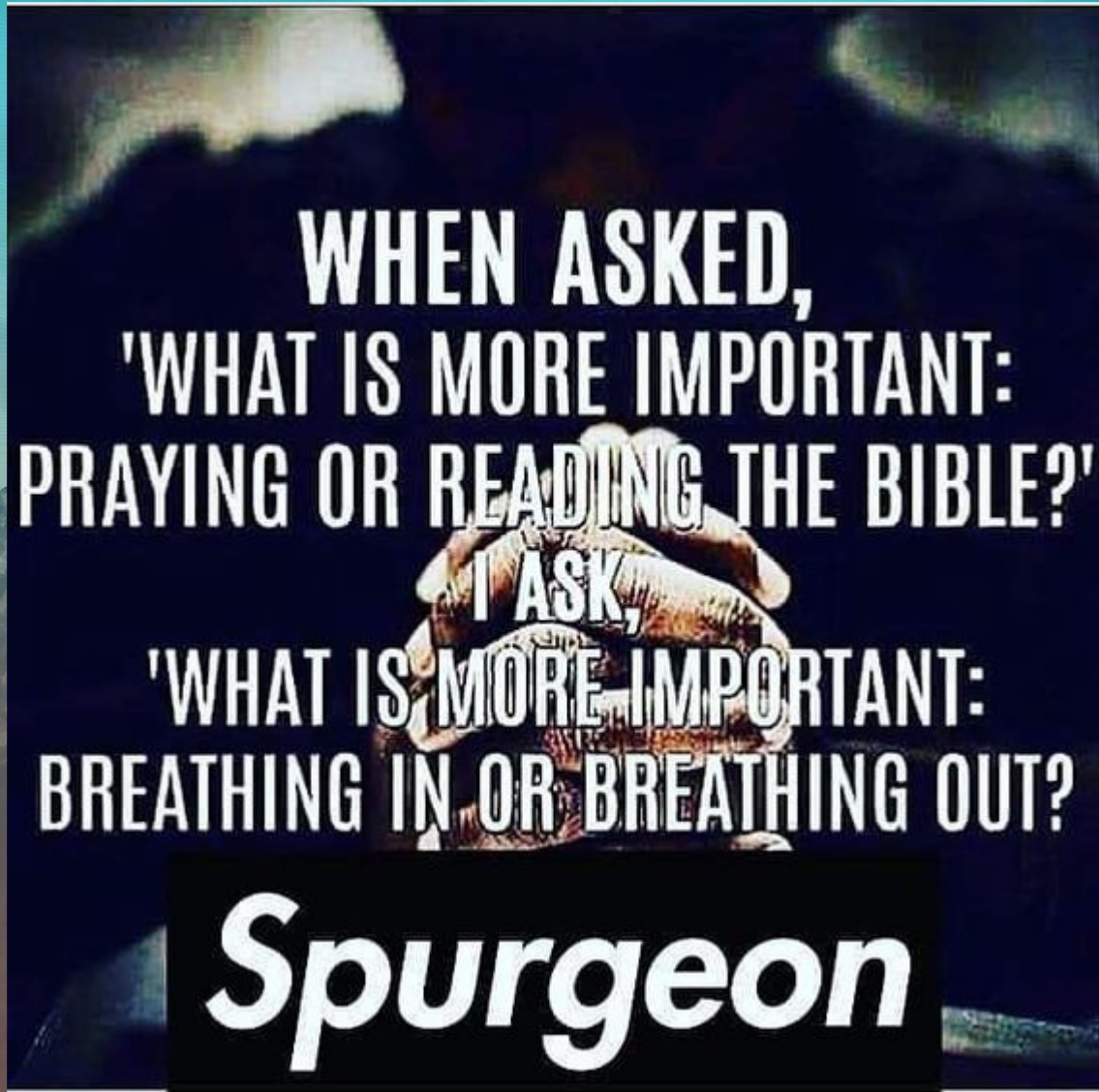




THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Mt. 6:11

“The Principles of Prayer”



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Mt. 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.



Review

Back in December we began the exegesis of this great sermon preached by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our last meeting on this passage was August 25th.
Let's review the outline:

I. THE DISCIPLE AND HIS BLESSINGS, 5:1-16

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❖ Please pay attention to the following:

i. The Father's Person, 6:9

(**Relationship and Righteousness**)

Mt. 6:9 After this manner **therefore pray ye**: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be **thy** name.

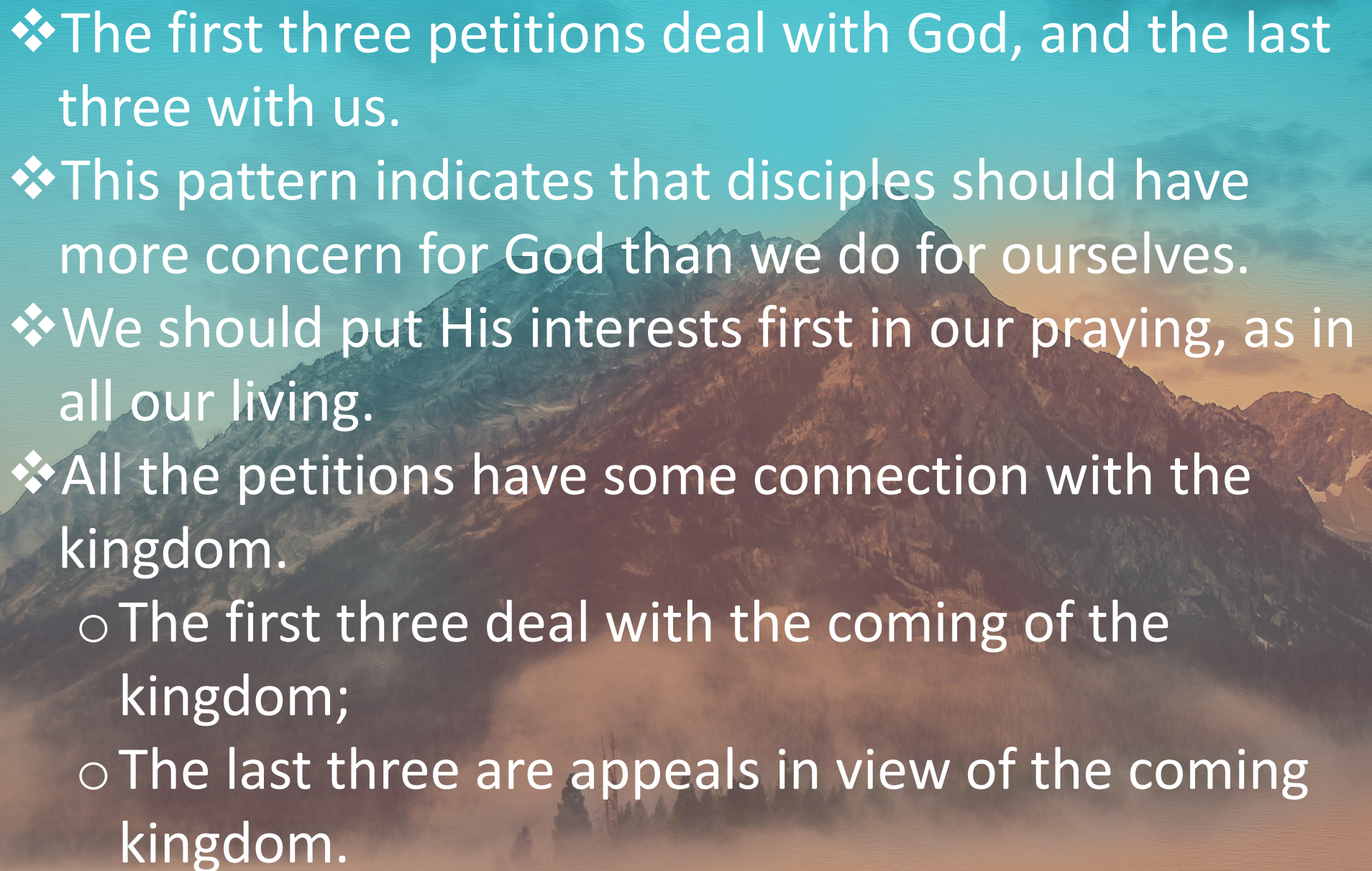
ii. The Father's Purpose, 6:10

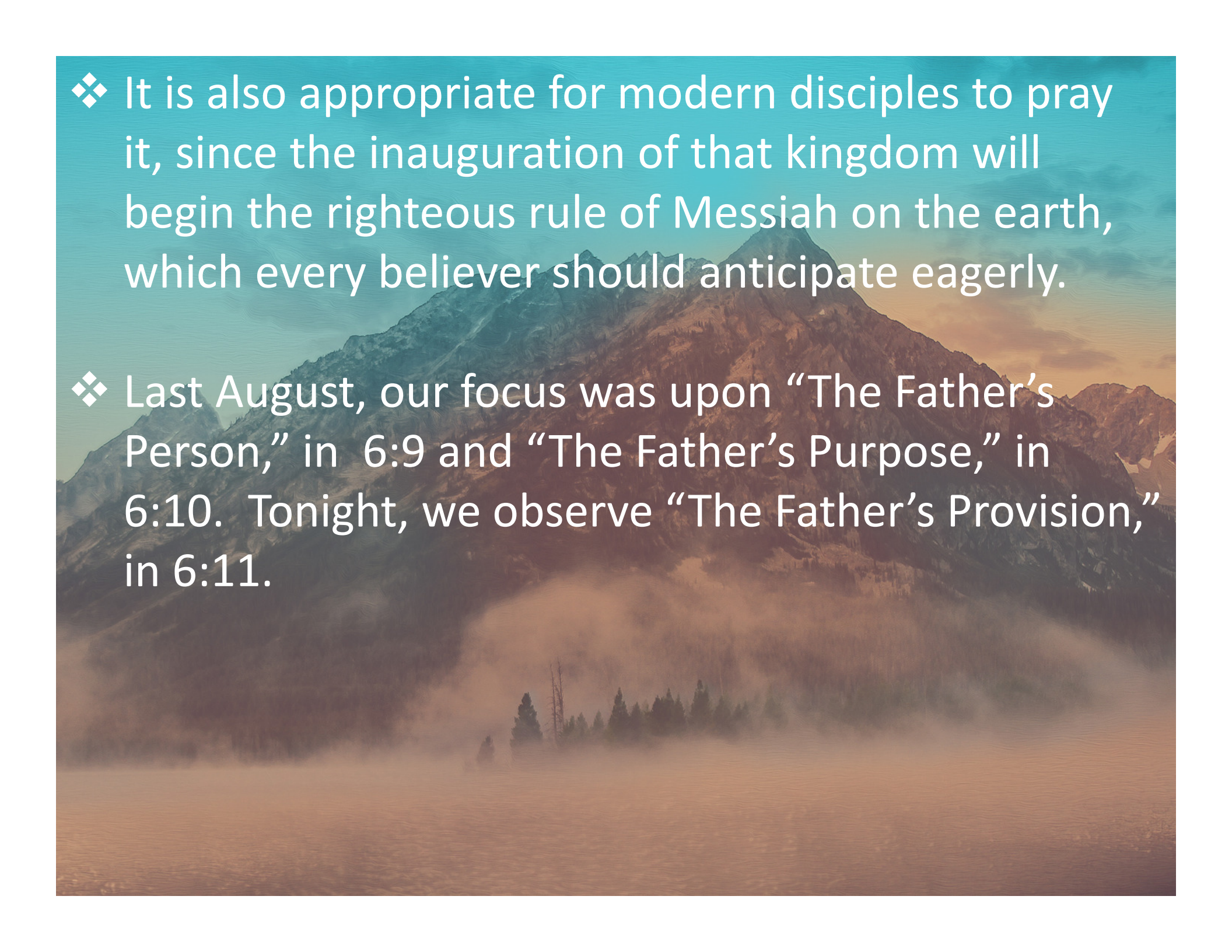
Mt. 6:10 **Thy** kingdom come. **Thy** will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. (**Reigning**)

Introduction

Early in the “Sermon on the Mount” the Lord Jesus emphasized His concern regarding “righteousness.”

Mt. 5:20 For I say unto you, That **except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

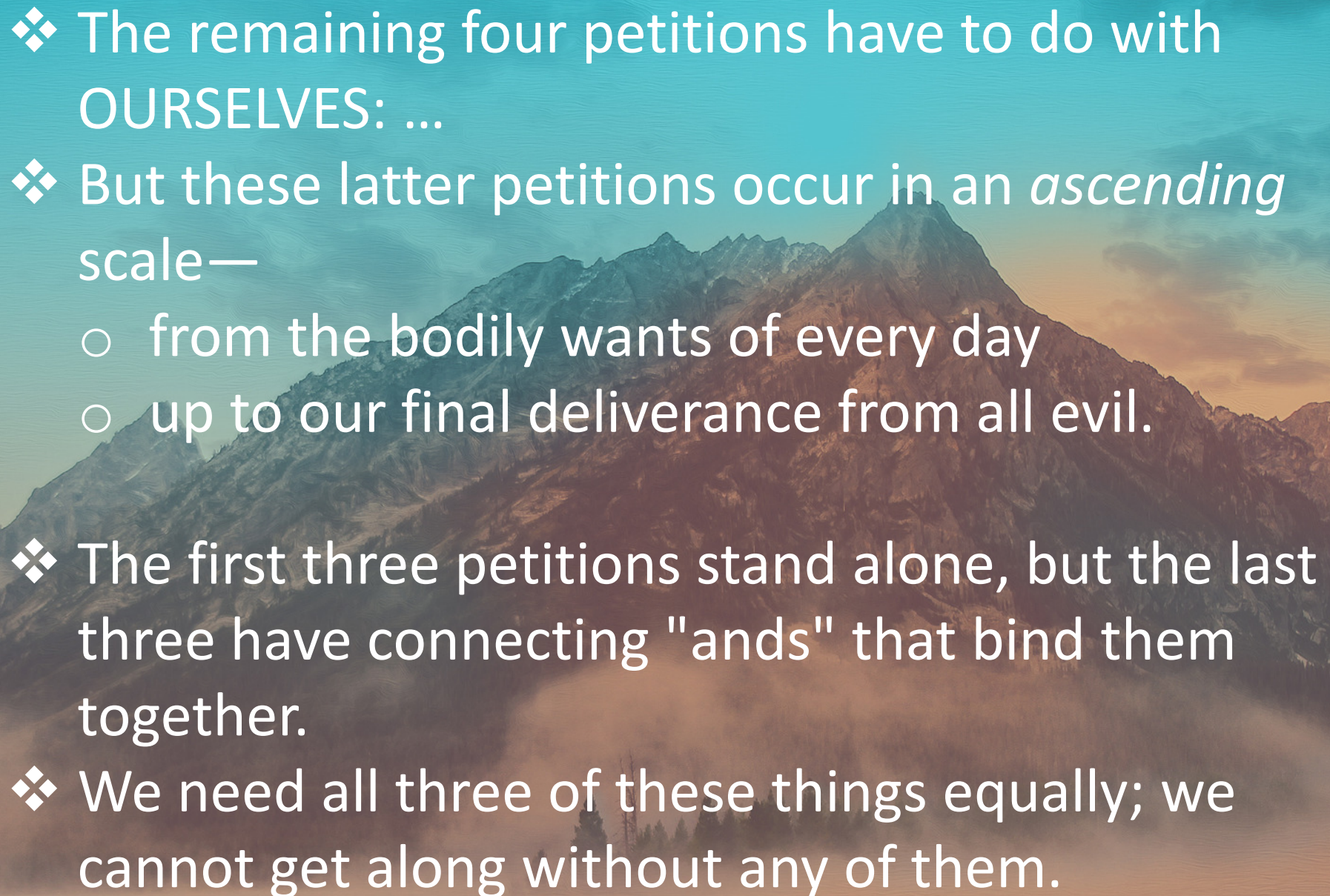
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- ❖ The first three petitions deal with God, and the last three with us.
 - ❖ This pattern indicates that disciples should have more concern for God than we do for ourselves.
 - ❖ We should put His interests first in our praying, as in all our living.
 - ❖ All the petitions have some connection with the kingdom.
 - The first three deal with the coming of the kingdom;
 - The last three are appeals in view of the coming kingdom.

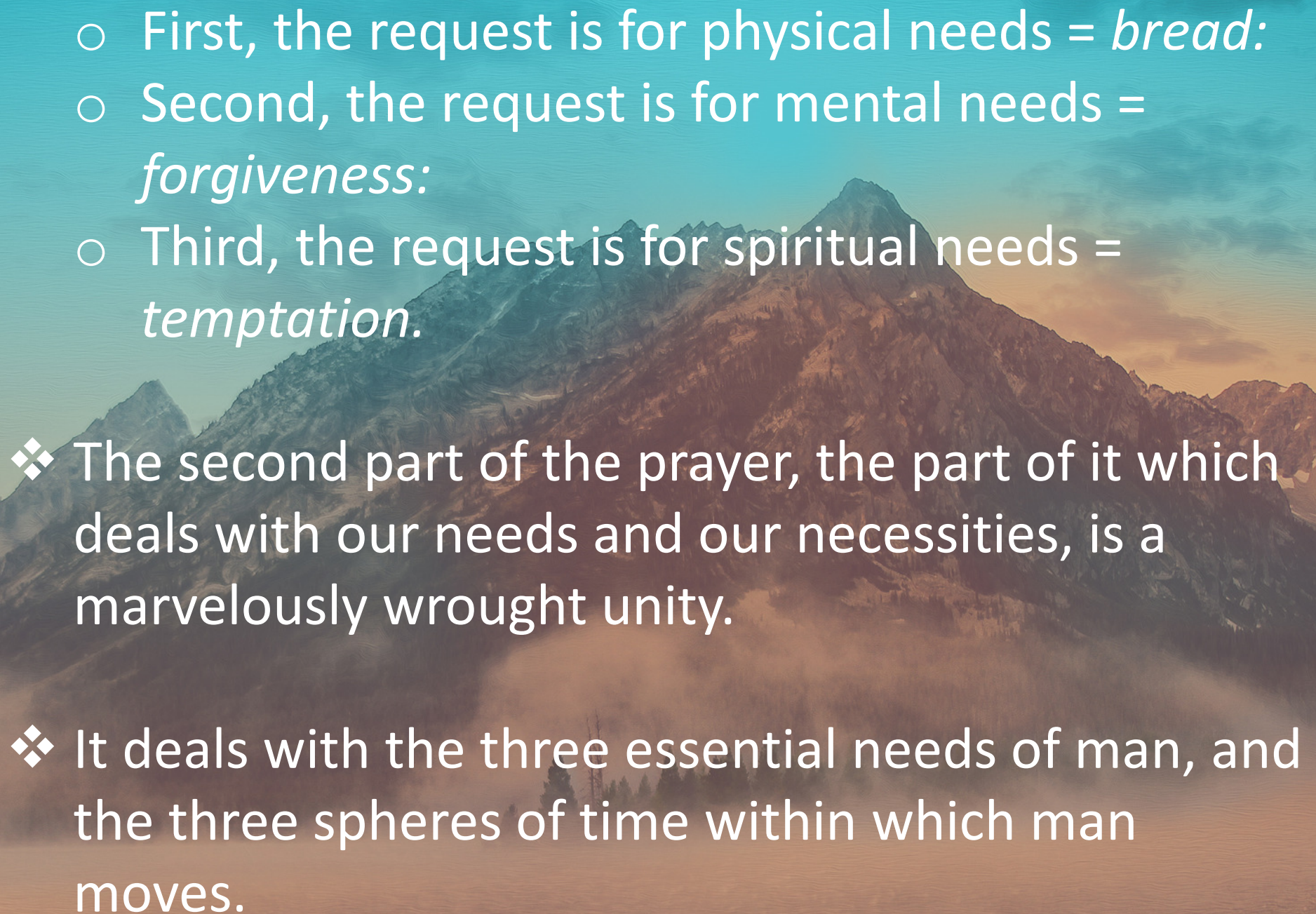
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- A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, with a misty or foggy atmosphere in the foreground. The mountains are rugged and partially covered in snow or light-colored rock. The foreground shows a calm body of water, likely a lake, with a line of evergreen trees along the shore. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greys, and earthy tones, creating a serene and majestic atmosphere.
- ❖ It is also appropriate for modern disciples to pray it, since the inauguration of that kingdom will begin the righteous rule of Messiah on the earth, which every believer should anticipate eagerly.
 - ❖ Last August, our focus was upon “The Father’s Person,” in 6:9 and “The Father’s Purpose,” in 6:10. Tonight, we observe “The Father’s Provision,” in 6:11.

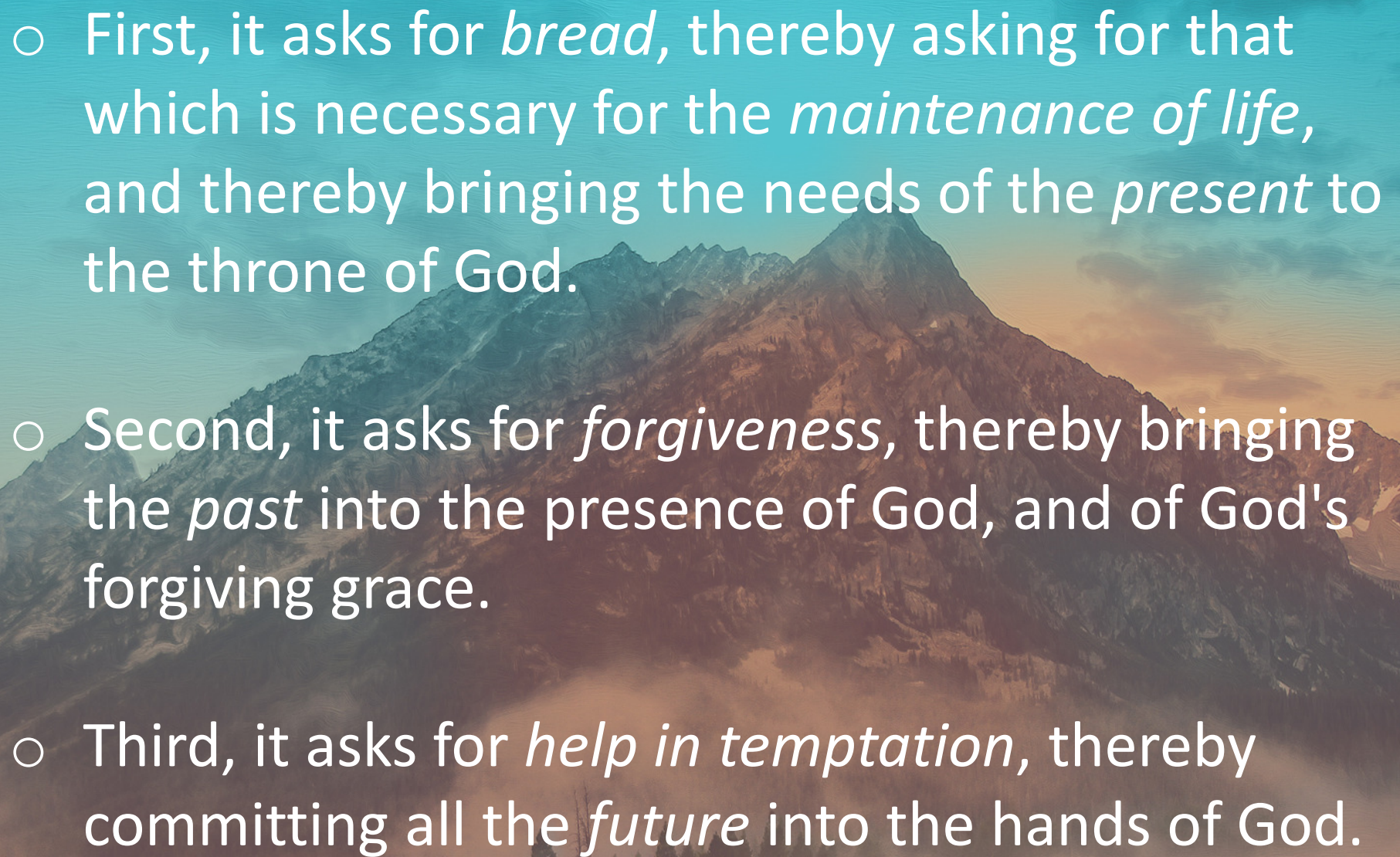
iii. The Father's Provision, 6:11

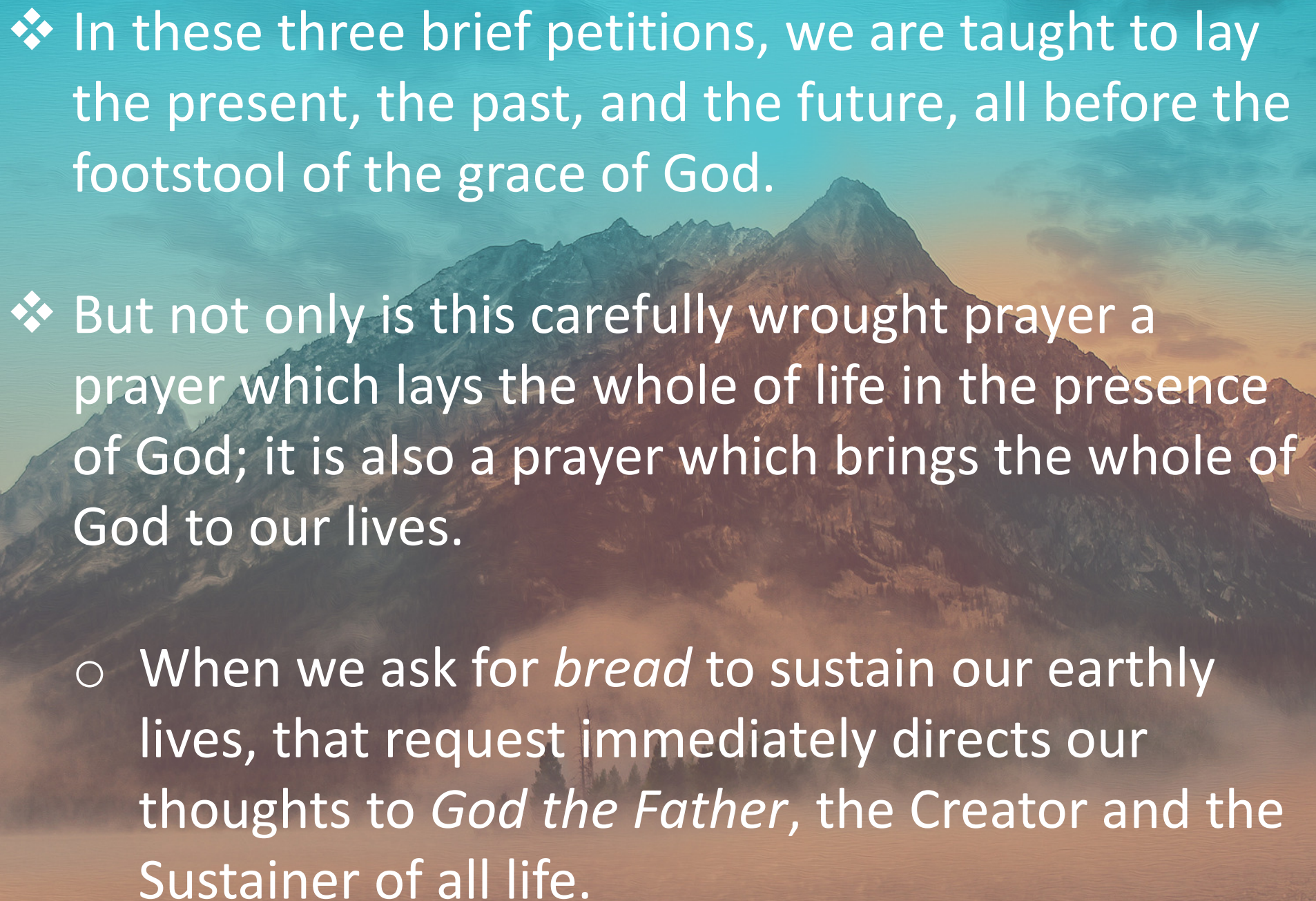
Mt. 6:11 Give **us** this day **our** daily bread. (**Request**)

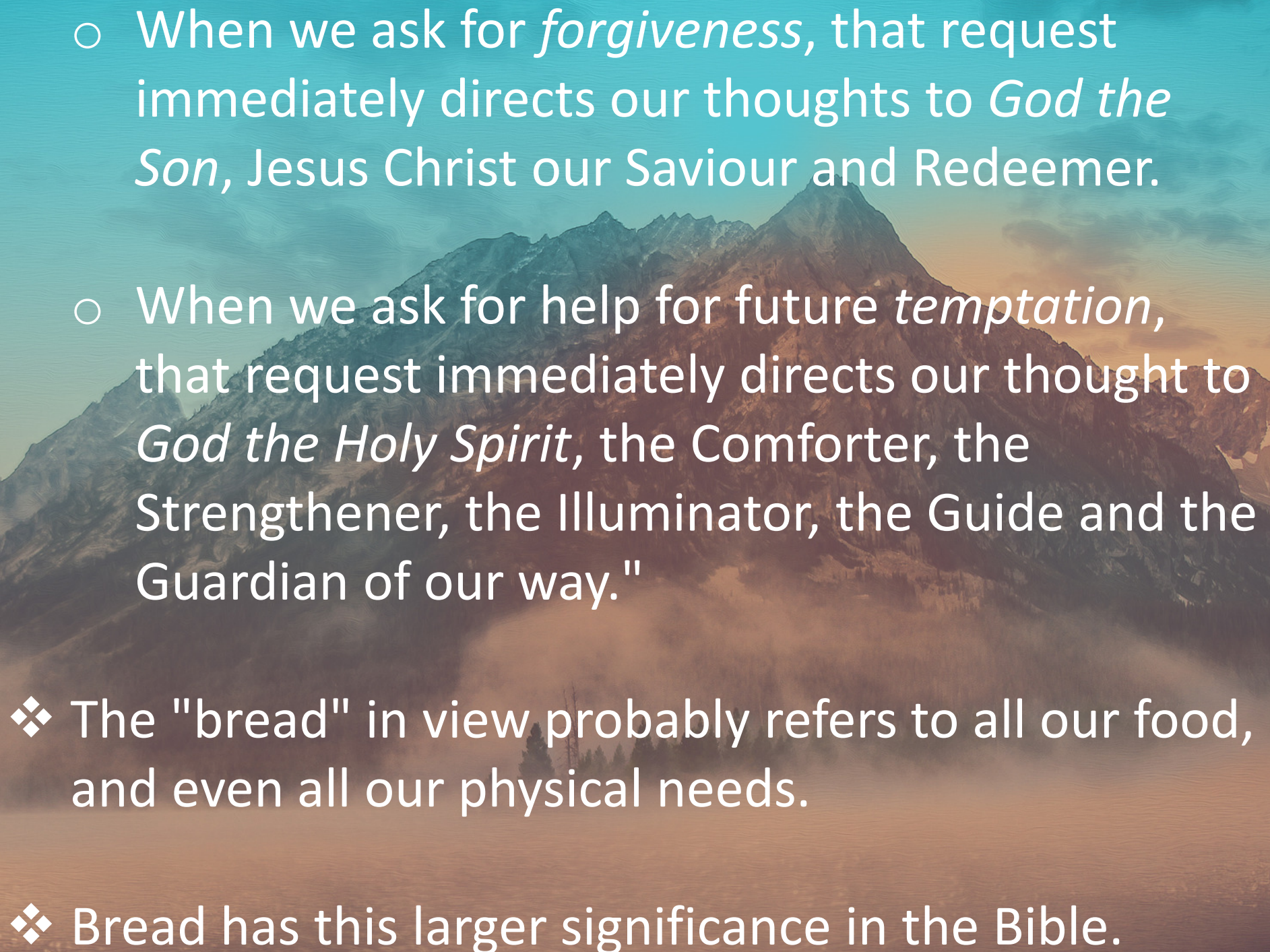
- ❖ The first three petitions have to do exclusively with God ...
- ❖ And they occur in a *descending* scale—
 - from Himself down to the manifestation of Himself in His kingdom,
 - and from His kingdom to the entire subjection of its subjects, or the complete doing of His will.

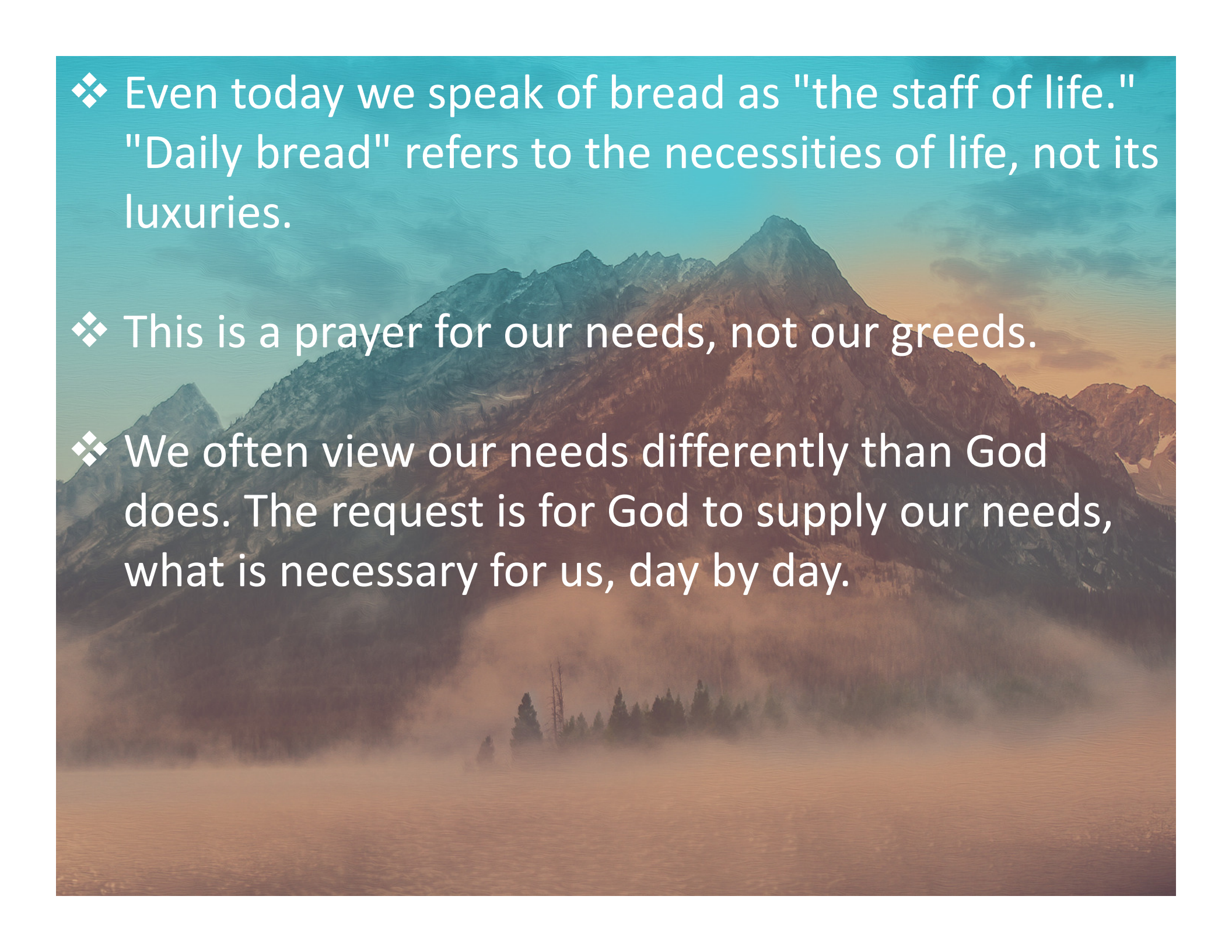
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- ❖ The remaining four petitions have to do with OURSELVES: ...
 - ❖ But these latter petitions occur in an *ascending* scale—
 - from the bodily wants of every day
 - up to our final deliverance from all evil.
 - ❖ The first three petitions stand alone, but the last three have connecting "ands" that bind them together.
 - ❖ We need all three of these things equally; we cannot get along without any of them.

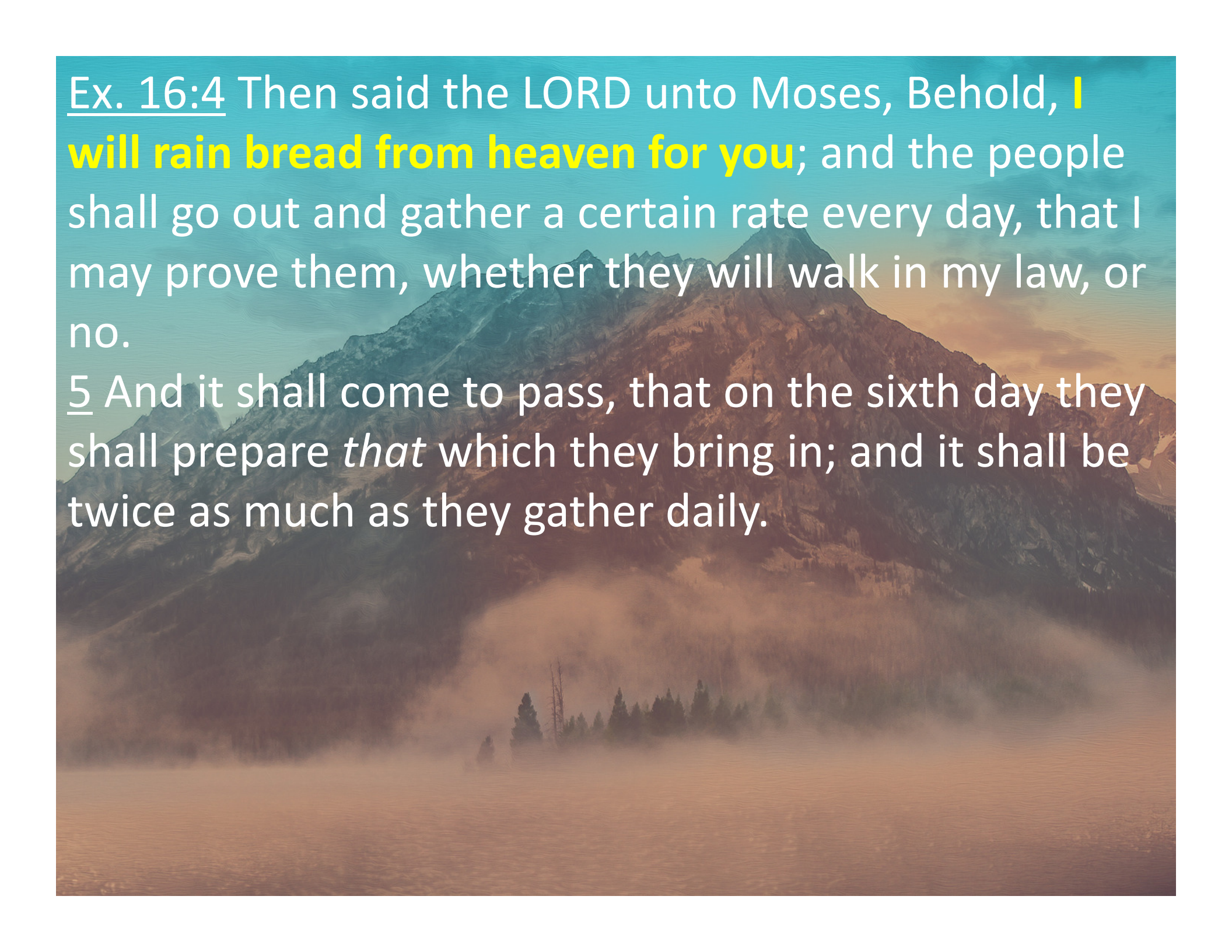
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- First, the request is for physical needs = *bread*:
 - Second, the request is for mental needs = *forgiveness*:
 - Third, the request is for spiritual needs = *temptation*.
- ❖ The second part of the prayer, the part of it which deals with our needs and our necessities, is a marvelously wrought unity.
- ❖ It deals with the three essential needs of man, and the three spheres of time within which man moves.

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- First, it asks for *bread*, thereby asking for that which is necessary for the *maintenance of life*, and thereby bringing the needs of the *present* to the throne of God.
 - Second, it asks for *forgiveness*, thereby bringing the *past* into the presence of God, and of God's forgiving grace.
 - Third, it asks for *help in temptation*, thereby committing all the *future* into the hands of God.

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- ❖ In these three brief petitions, we are taught to lay the present, the past, and the future, all before the footstool of the grace of God.
 - ❖ But not only is this carefully wrought prayer a prayer which lays the whole of life in the presence of God; it is also a prayer which brings the whole of God to our lives.
 - When we ask for *bread* to sustain our earthly lives, that request immediately directs our thoughts to *God the Father*, the Creator and the Sustainer of all life.

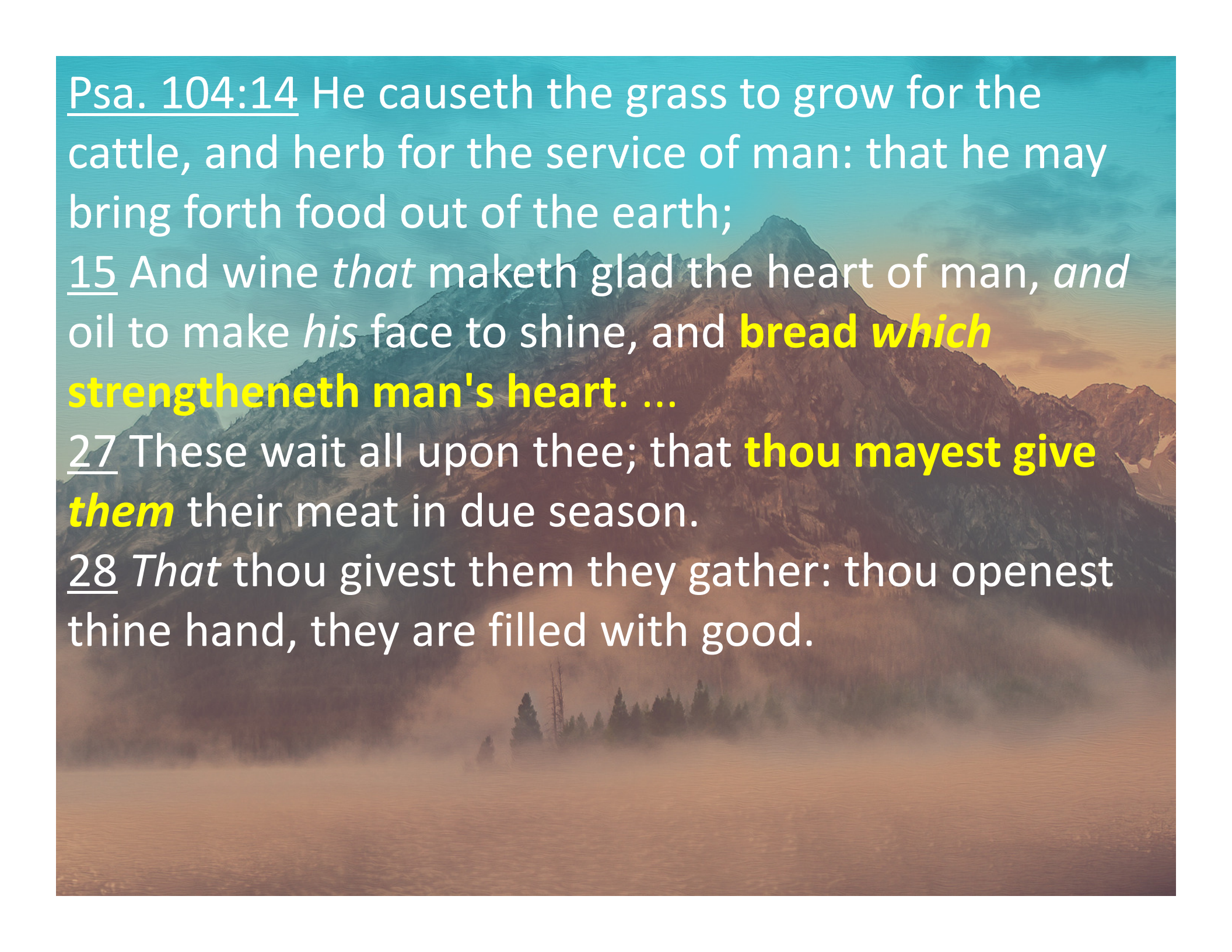
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- When we ask for *forgiveness*, that request immediately directs our thoughts to *God the Son*, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.
 - When we ask for help for future *temptation*, that request immediately directs our thought to *God the Holy Spirit*, the Comforter, the Strengthenener, the Illuminator, the Guide and the Guardian of our way."
 - ❖ The "bread" in view probably refers to all our food, and even all our physical needs.
 - ❖ Bread has this larger significance in the Bible.

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- A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains with a prominent peak in the center. The foreground shows a calm lake reflecting the sky, with a line of trees and a misty atmosphere. The sky is a mix of light blue and soft orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.
- ❖ Even today we speak of bread as "the staff of life." "Daily bread" refers to the necessities of life, not its luxuries.
 - ❖ This is a prayer for our needs, not our greeds.
 - ❖ We often view our needs differently than God does. The request is for God to supply our needs, what is necessary for us, day by day.



Ex. 16:4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, **I will rain bread from heaven for you**; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, some with patches of snow. In the foreground, there is a calm body of water, likely a lake, with a line of evergreen trees along the shore. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.

Psa. 104:14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make *his* face to shine, and **bread which strengtheneth man's heart. ...**

27 These wait all upon thee; that **thou mayest give them** their meat in due season.

28 *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Prov. 30:8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; **feed me with food convenient for me:**

- ❖ The expression "this day our daily bread" reflects first-century life—in which workers received their pay *daily*.
- ❖ It also reminds disciples that we can live one day at a time, and each day we are dependent on God to sustain us.
- ❖ Even though God knows what we need, He delights in our coming to him daily to ask Him for what we need. **This dependency keeps us in a close relationship with Him.**

Original Word: δίδωμι

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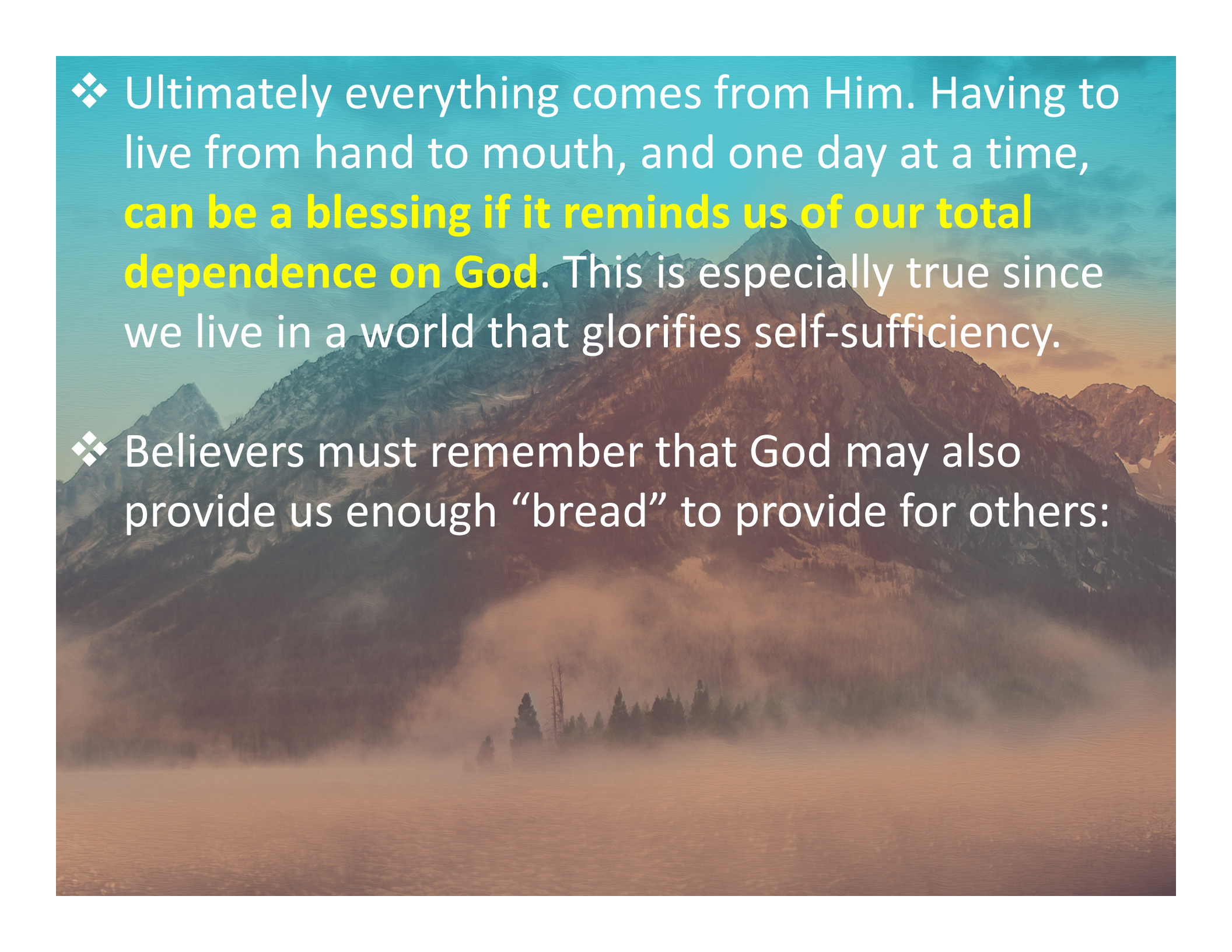
Transliteration: didómi

Definition: to give

Usage: I offer, give; I put, place.

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Isa. 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and **concerning the work of my hands command ye me.**

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- ❖ Ultimately everything comes from Him. Having to live from hand to mouth, and one day at a time, **can be a blessing if it reminds us of our total dependence on God.** This is especially true since we live in a world that glorifies self-sufficiency.
 - ❖ Believers must remember that God may also provide us enough “bread” to provide for others:

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Jas. 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of **daily food**,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; **what doth it profit?**

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Conclusion

- ❖ The key word for Mt. 6:11 is *dependency*. (Relying upon someone else for aid, support.)
- ❖ Such dependence is daily – like manna – as perpetual sustenance.
- ❖ The “daily bread” is physical, but also symbolical by the Word of God:

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word of God.**

New International Version

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

New Living Translation

But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’”

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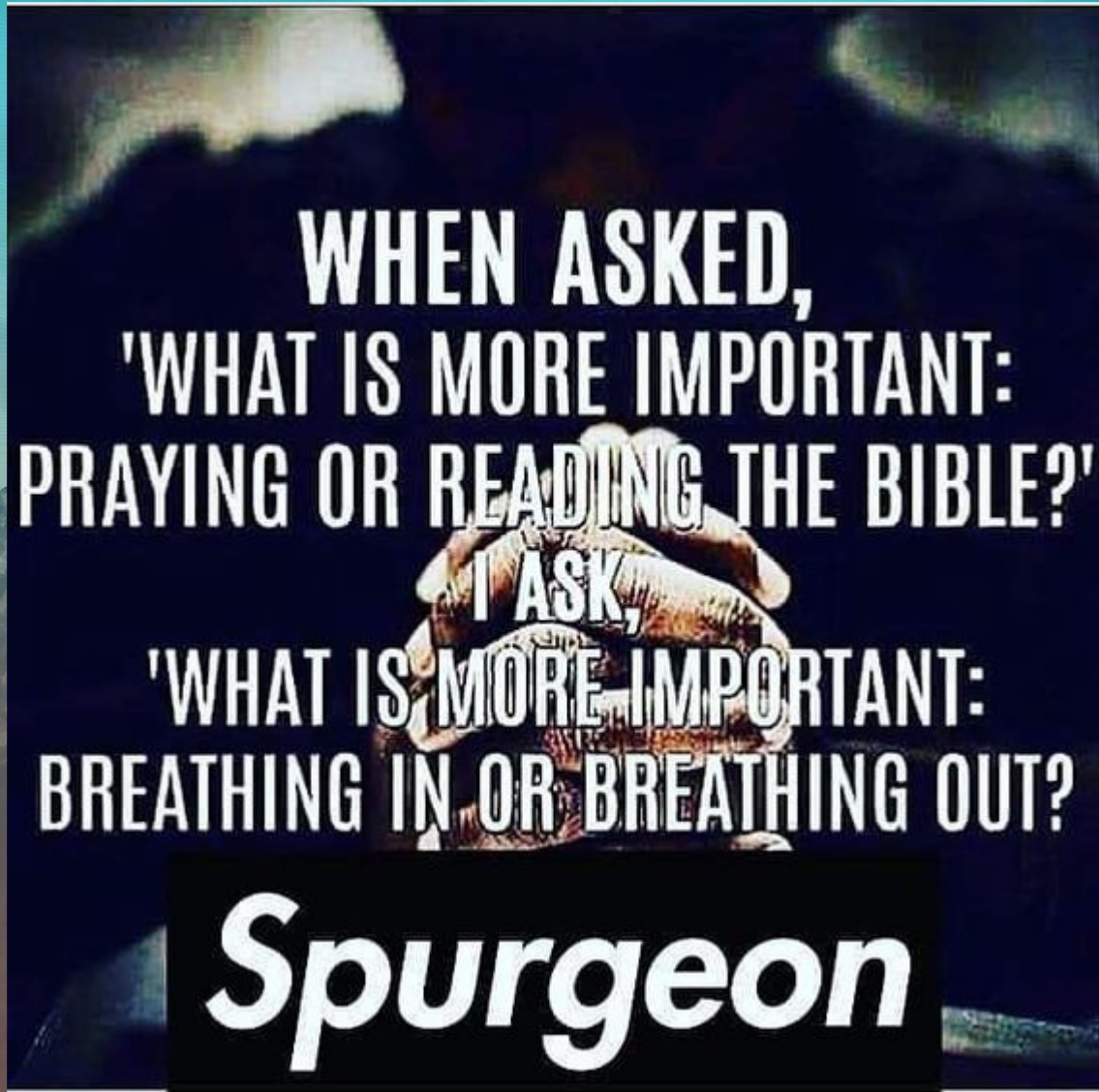
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Jn. 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life**: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. ... 48 **I am that bread of life.**

❖ A BELIEVER NEEDS “THE BREAD OF LIFE” – THE LORD JESUS CHRIST – EVERY DAY!



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