

HIGHER POWER “Give Us This Day”

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. (Amen.)

³ *“If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. Exodus 16:3a-b (NLT)*

WE ARE OFTEN MORE SATISFIED WITH THE SLAVERY THAT WE KNOW THAN THE FREEDOM THAT WE DON'T KNOW.

*But now you have brought us **into this wilderness to starve us all to death.**”⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Look, I’m going to rain down food from heaven for you. **Each day** the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. **I will test them in this to see** whether or not they will follow my instructions.”⁵ On the sixth day they will gather food, and when they prepare it, there will be twice as much as usual.” **Exodus 16:3c-5 (NLT)***

¹⁴ *When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground.* ¹⁵ *The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. **“What is it?”** they asked each other. They had no idea what it was. And Moses told them, “It is the food the Lord has given you to eat.”* ¹⁶ *These are the Lord’s instructions: Each household should gather as much as it needs. Pick up two quarts for each person in your tent.”*

¹⁷ *So the people of Israel did as they were told. Some gathered a lot, some only a little. **Exodus 16:14-17 (NLT)***

¹⁹ *Then Moses told them, “Do not keep any of it until morning.”* ²⁰ *But **some of them didn’t listen and kept some***

of it until morning. But by then it was full of maggots and had a terrible smell. Moses was very angry with them.

Exodus 16:19-20 (NLT)

EVERY DAY GOD PROVIDES IN EVERY WAY.

³⁵ So the people of Israel **ate manna for forty years** until they arrived at the land where they would settle. They ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

Exodus 16:35 (NLT)

¹¹ “But that is the time to be careful! **Beware that in your plenty you do not forget** the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. ¹² For when you have become **full and prosperous** and have **built fine homes** to live in, ¹³ and when your flocks and herds have become **very large** and your **silver and gold have multiplied** along with everything else, **be careful!** ¹⁴ **Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God**, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. **Deuteronomy 8:11-14 (NLT)**

¹⁶ He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good. ¹⁷ **He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’** ¹⁸ **Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful**, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath. **Deuteronomy 8:16-18 (NLT)**

EVERYTHING I HAVE IS A GIFT FROM THE ONE WHO OWNS EVERYTHING.

NEVER FORGET THAT EVERY DAY GOD PROVIDES IN EVERY WAY.

¹⁷ Command those who are **rich in this present world** not to be arrogant nor to **put their hope in wealth**, which is so **uncertain**, but to **put their hope in God**, who **richly provides us with everything** for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to **do good**, to be rich in **good deeds**, and to be **generous** and willing to share. **1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV)**

**I WILL NOT PUT MY HOPE IN *RICHERS*, BUT IN HIM WHO
RICHLY PROVIDES.**