

There is a portion of our Lord's model prayer that has always troubled me: "*Give us **this day** our daily bread,*" and also His words, "*Take no thought for the morrow, what you shall eat or drink . . . sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*"

I confess that the burdens of today's bread is not very heavy when a loaf is on the table or biscuit makings is in the pantry. It is *tomorrow's* bread that I worry about and am more prone to pry for. If I am secure today, it is tomorrow's evil from which I am suing deliverance. Psalm 71 gives some validity for this sort of praying into the future. Vs. 1: "*In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me **never** be put to confusion,*" vs. 3 "*Be Thou my strong habitation whereunto I may resort **continually,***" vs. 9 "*Do not cast me off in the time of old age . . . when my strength fails,*" vs. 18 "*when I am old and gray-headed.*"

We who have walked with God for some years well know the evil day is imminent, our present strength tenuous, and our sparse store fleeting. We can hardly help a cry for God to continually be all He is today. And we can be certain He *will be*.

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