

**Proverbs 30:8,9**  
**PRAYER FOR THE CONVENIENT**

- I. Convenient food.
  - A. "Food" refers to the same thing as "bread" in the Lord's prayer.
  - B. "Convenient" is that which is allotted to me, or my portion, i.e., what is suitable to my need.
    - 1. The portion is not the same amount for everyone, but depends on the size of one's household (as the manna, Ex. 16:18).
    - 2. Our allotted portion is given, i.e., it is not our right, but a recognition that God owns all things.
  - C. On Prayer Day we petition God to supply our natural needs, but also our spiritual needs.
- II. This prayer evidences the great spiritual quality of knowing ourselves well, namely, that extremes are hard for us to handle well.
  - A. To ask that God "give me not riches" is very much contrary to our natural desire for more, and more.
    - 1. The desire for riches is the root of all evil (Eccl. 5:10; Habakkuk 2:5; I Tim. 6:9,10).
    - 2. Wisdom is the awareness of how easy it is for us to think, I don't need God: "deny Thee and say, Who is Jehovah?"
  - B. And "give me not poverty."
    - 1. Poverty is the lack of life's necessities so our very existence is threatened.
    - 2. Poverty brings us to the point of desperation so we are inclined to break the law, to steal, or to curse God.
- III. What do we want to be our proper spiritual attitude toward the things of this life?
  - A. Knowing that God gives as He pleases, riches for some and poverty for others, we pray this prayer submissively.
  - B. We are confessing that we need God's blessing to be faithful to Him so we use riches correctly.
  - C. Do you want to pray this prayer tonight?
    - 1. Pray that earthly things will not interfere with our fellowship with Him.
    - 2. Pray that we will see earthly things as God-given opportunities to communicate with our heavenly Father.