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Prayers We Should Not Pray



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Through the Psalms
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> They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel:
> But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.
> And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.
> (Psalm 106:13–15 kjv)

God had redeemed Israel out of Egypt. He had performed stupendous miracles on their behalf. He had made provision for them in all their desert wanderings. They had no need which He had not supplied. But Israel made two tragic errors. Their first was forgetfulness: "They soon forgat his works." Their second was impatience: "They waited not for his counsel."

The food God provided for Israel was manna – "the bread of heaven" – which fully supplied their need of nourishment. The people, however, despised this supernatural provision. Yielding to inordinate appetite, they demanded meat instead. In response, God caused a wind to carry quails into their camp, until they found themselves knee deep in quails. Then as the people began to feed on the quails, many were struck with sickness and died. Upon this the psalmist comments: "He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."

We need to learn from Israel's fate and guard against these two related errors of forgetfulness and impatience. We, too, can be tempted to despise God's provision and feel that we know better than He does what we need. Then we begin to press our own self-willed desires upon God in prayer. In such a situation the worst thing God can do for us is grant our request. For if He does, it will produce "leanness in our soul."

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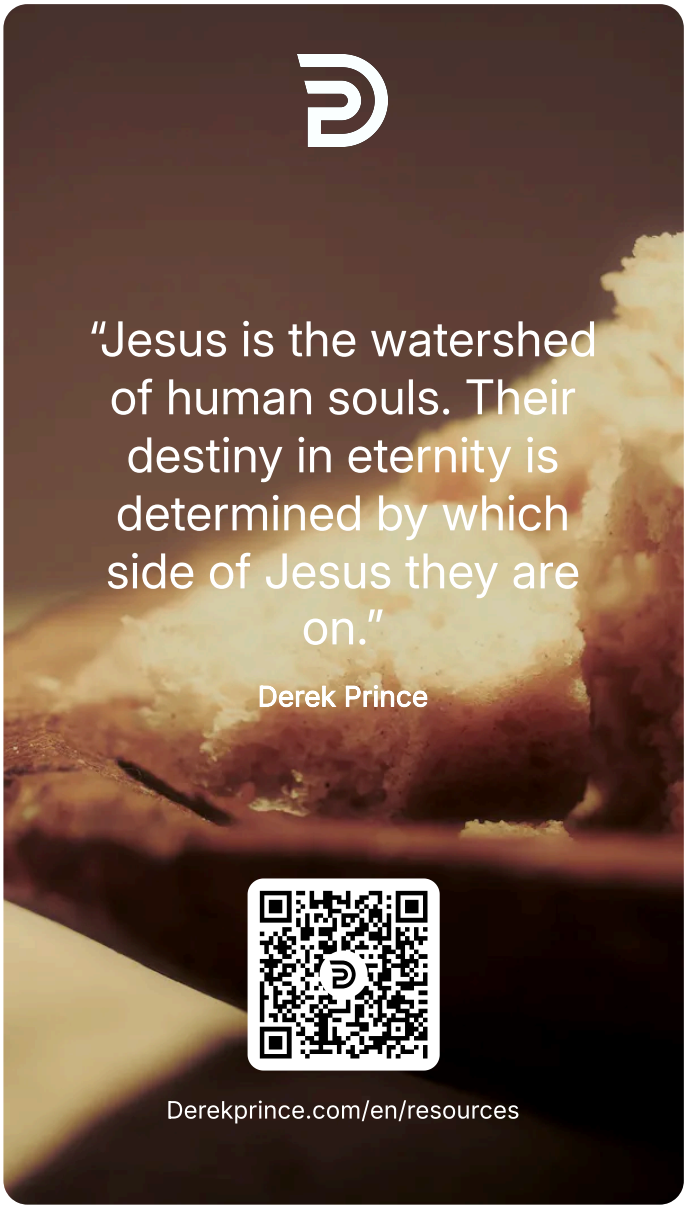

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