GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

A BIBLICAL LOOK AT HUNGER
American Class System, Model A

- Upper Class: 12%
- Upper Middle: 15%
- Lower Middle: 30%
- Working Class: 13%
- Working Poor: 12%
- Underclass: 1%

American Class System, **Model B**

- **42%** Middle Class
- **40%** Working Class
- **12%** Super Rich
- **10%** Rich
- **5%** Poor

Matthew 6:24/Luke 16:13: “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”
1st Century Roman Class System

- Urban Elites: 90%
- Rural peasants: 10%

Mark 12:38-40: “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearances say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”
MODERN ECONOMICS

- Optimization of scarce resources
- Emphasis on scarcity
- Scarcity in the midst of abundance
LOAVES AND FISHES

Abundance in the Midst of Scarcity
Human cultures measured against the gold standard of the culture of God
Blessing of Abraham

Gen 12:2: “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”
Luke 12:15-21: Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

‘Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

‘But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

‘This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.’
DEUT. 45:16

“All who cheat with dishonest weights and measures are detestable to the Lord your God.”
ADAM SMITH

“Enlightened self-interest”
GORDON GEKKO

“Greed is good.”
**Matthew 6:9-13:**

“Our Father in the heavens, hallowed be your name. Your **kingdom** come. Your will be done, as in heaven so on earth. Give us our daily bread And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.”

**Luke 11:2-4:**

“Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us our daily bread each day And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”
The Teaching (Didache), 8.2:
“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
as in heaven so on earth;
Give us our daily bread today
And forgive us our debt
as we have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one,
for yours is the power and the glory for ever.”