

But the context with its riches, we pass by, and take the direct statement, "My God shall supply all your need," as our promise for this New Year. O that our hearts, under the Gracious Spirit's touch, may ring responsive as we approach this promise of the Father's love, and that we may, through faith in the Son, rest upon it throughout the year!

Let us consider our needs under three groups, fulfilled respectively in Providence, Grace, and Glory. As our first group we will take the great needs of our present life, Sustenance, Protection, and Guidance. We begin with that want so great, so pressing, as to be called by preëminence our Need, that which finds expression in the first personal petition of the Lord's Prayer. "Give us this day our daily bread."

There was at the World's Fair a piece of statuary by Thorwaldsen, entitled, "The Struggle for Bread." It aimed to portray, in this age of strikes, the cruel race between competing wage-earners for place to earn a livelihood. A gaunt workman holds aloft in one hand a loaf of bread, while with the other he strikes down the rival who would tear it from him. A pinched woman and a meagre boy beseech him for it, but he holds it wolfishly away from all. Thorwaldsen's work was constantly surrounded by spectators, and thousands for the first time saw hunger through Thorwaldsen's eyes. Hunger is terrible to behold! Shall I picture it to you? I see that I need not. With quick imagination you have made my thought your own. Yes, hunger is terrible to behold. But could we, with anointed eyes, look upon the reality around us, we should see that always, only a day distant, stands the grim spectre Want—for the world has never in store a year's supply of food, and were the channels of trade for a few days blocked, our great cities would perish—and we should see also a pierced hand giving us through His laws in nature our daily bread.

We need, though we do not feel our need. Who of us has ever been "an hungered," as our Saviour was when tempted