

“Of Manna in the Morning Dew”

This 2012 hymn began as a small devotion written in 2009 (below).

Our Omer

When Jesus taught us to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread,” He almost certainly had in mind the Old Testament story about the manna.

“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not’” (Exod. 16:4).

The basic arrangement was for one “omer,” per person, per day. An omer is roughly two quarts—a day’s portion. Daily bread.

Some of the people did not trust that the manna would be provided again the next day. God’s law is the law of trust.

Ask God to give you just enough for today. Then sleep well tonight. He will supply again tomorrow—but not till then!

So important was this lesson to God that He had an omer of manna placed in the ark of the covenant.

And then He placed it in the Lord’s Prayer. The meaning is, “Give us this day our omer.”