

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNTAIN
MESSAGE 24 – PRIORITIES
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MATTHEW 6.25-34

- ⇒ **Worry** means to strangle.
- ⇒ **Anxiousness** means to be pulled in different directions.
 - *Worry is the greatest thief of JOY!*
 - *Worry begins in our thinking – mind.*
 - *Worry settles into our feelings – heart.*

Matthew 6.25-27

*That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are? **27** Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?*

Matthew 6.28-31

*And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, **29** yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. **30** And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, He will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? **31** So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'*

Worry shows we are mastered by our circumstances.

- *Our view of life is finite, and God's view is infinite.*
- *We have limited reasoning capabilities, and God has unlimited power to reason.*

Matthew 6.32-33

*These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.*

Unbelievers – They’re on their own. They are their own source.

Believers – Your Heavenly Father is engaged in your life. He is your Source.

- **Worry** – MY strength
- **Contentment** – GOD’S strength

Matthew 6.34

So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

All we can do is live one day at a time . . .

1. But it does not mean we should not plan.
2. But it does not mean we should not think about tomorrow.
3. So, we should concentrate on the provision of God to help us with temptations, struggles, victories, and blessings for that day.
4. So, may we live under the canopy of His grace today without the worrying over the past or the future.

***Make it a priority to seek the Kingdom of God first.
He is THE priority, and we are HIS priority.***

Jesus, I thank You that You came and died on the cross for my sins so that I can be forgiven. I am a sinner and in need of Your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. I turn from my sins and say “No” to a life of living for myself. I turn to You and say “Yes” to Your will for my life. I ask You now to save me from my sins. I open my heart to You and receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for saving me and forgiving me. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.