

JESUS' WORDS ABOUT WORRY

Matthew 6:25-34

From the Sermon on the Mount we need to understand Jesus' words about worry

I. WORRY DIVIDES GOD'S PEOPLE (25)

A. JESUS SAYS: DON'T BE DISTRACTED BY THINGS (25a)

1. "For this reason" looks back to vs.19-24
2. "Do not worry" > Stop and never start again
3. Even basic necessities can become that which disturb us and divides our attention
 - See Mark 4:19 > The cares of this world can choke us
4. Thought about the possible necessities of the future and the possible lack of resources required for their supply can consume us (more about this in v. 34)
5. Even basic matter of food and clothing can steal our time and energies
6. God is pleading: "Can I have your undivided attention?!"

B. JESUS SAYS: DON'T BE DECEIVED ABOUT LIFE! (25b)

1. The Question: Isn't life more than food and clothing?
2. The Consideration: Life is not about temporal matters but eternal ones (see Col. 3:1-4)

II. WORRY DENIES GOD'S PROVISIONS (26-32)

- Worry blinds us from seeing what God does

A. WORRY IS SENSELESS (26)

1. Question: Have you studied the birds?
2. Conclusion: God cares for His creatures
3. Consideration: Aren't you more important than they?

B. WORRY IS REDICULOUS (27)

- Can you add an hour to your life?

C. WORRY IS USELESS (28-30a)

1. Note God's clothing of flowers (28)
2. Understand the competition of a king (29)
3. Recognize the comparison of value (30a)

D. WORRY IS FAITHLESS (30b)

1. Condition: You of little faith (See also Matthew 8:26, 14:31 and 16:8)
2. Conclusion: We fail to trust God > Falling short of His expectations Over please >

E. WORRY IS GODLESS (31-32)

1. The Prohibited Pronouncement (31) > Don't speak this
2. The Pagan Practices (32a)
3. The Pious Perspective (32b)
 - You have a Heavenly Father who knows of your needs

III. WORRY DERAILS GOD'S PRIORITIES (33)

A. GOD'S PLEA

1. Seek First ... The idea is "strive and keep on striving" or "make this your ceaseless quest"
2. Be eager to pursue Kingdom matters

B. GOD'S PROGRAM

1. The Demands: He calls for a commitment to His reign and His righteousness (see Matt. 5:19-20)
2. The Details:
 - a. The External: His Kingdom > His eternal work
 - b. The Internal: His righteousness > His ethical ways (see II Peter 3:11)

C. GOD'S PROMISE

1. "All these things added" > A blank check from God's account
2. Review Psalm 37:25 and 84:11 along with Ephesians 3:20

IV. WORRY DISREGARDS GOD'S PROGRAMMING (34)

A. OUR PROBLEM

1. We want to predict and prepare for every possible future event
2. We go through endless scenarios and waste countless energy

B. GOD'S PLAN

- Providentially our burdens are broken down into bearable daily quantities

CONCLUSION:

Worries come when we fail to apply the Word of God to our walk with God

Let us remember to:

1. Be Committed - Isaiah 26:3
2. Be Prayerful - Philippians 4:6
3. Be Content - Hebrews 13:5b-6