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Text: Matthew 6:34
Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34).

Matthew 6:25-34:

25 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

INTRODUCTION

“Take No Thought of Tomorrow” (KJV) is Jesus’ teaching on, “Do not worry or be anxious”.

The Bible says, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).

“16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

WE SHOULD NOT WORRY OR BE ANXIOUS

- About life and body (Verses 25, 26, 28-31).
What we eat and drink determines our well being.
- About the need to be clothed and shelter (Verse 28)
What we put on and accommodation
- And about tomorrow (Verse 34)
We are to live by faith

“23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand” (Psalm 37:23, 24).

“A man’s heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps” (Proverbs 16:9).

“Jeremiah said, “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23).

JESUS IS NOT ADVOCATING A NO-CARE ATTITUDE – BE LAZY, LACK OF PLANNING OR INITIATIVE

- A Christian has to be responsible.
 - He needs to put God first and when he takes responsibility, he will be blessed.
 - Take heed to God’s word of wisdom

“Prepare your outside work, make it fit for yourself in the field; and afterward build your house” (Proverbs 24:27).

Proverbs 27:23-27:

“23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds;
24 For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations.
25 When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, and the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,
26 The lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field;
27 You shall have enough goats’ milk for your food, for the food of your household, and the nourishment of your maidservants.

“For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

“Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need” (Ephesians 4:28).

He not only meets his needs but has something to give to those in need.

- Jesus warns us about:
 - Being preoccupied with material possessions of life

“Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22).

- Making material possessions our security

“15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s

life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”
20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ (Luke 12:15 & 20)

- Being entangled with the affairs of this world

“3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier (2 Timothy 2:3 & 4).

We are not to worry about this life and our body and tomorrow.
They will hinder us when He comes again.

34 “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34-36).

Seek God and make His Kingdom, our priority.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM THAT CAUSES US TO WORRY? (Verse 30)

- Jesus tells us it is the lack of faith

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30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Matthew 6:26 & 30)

- Our faith will help us overcome the world.

“4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4-5).

- Faith in Jesus

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

“57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:57 & 58)

WHO ARE THE GENTILES (Verse 32)

They are without Christ – aliens, strangers, having no hope and without God

“That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12).

CONCLUSION – Do not worry about tomorrow (Verse 34)

- A Christian leaves his tomorrow and its care in the hand of God

“...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Isaiah 25:1, 4 & 9:

“1 O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

4 For You have been a strength to the poor, A strength to the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, A shade from the heat; For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

9 And it will be said in that day: “Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

- God gives good things to those who ask

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:11).