

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

January 2, 2022

Sermons from the Sermon - Lesson 9 Overcoming Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

We continue our series from the Sermon on the Mount called *Sermons from the Sermon* with a section in chapter six where Jesus' focus is on overcoming worry and anxiety. This is a conclusion to His teaching using three metaphors in verses 19-24. Each of these metaphors represents a choice that we must make in life. Anxiety and worry show that we have made the wrong choices regarding where our treasure is placed, where our eye is focused, and who is our master. In verses 25-34, Jesus provides some very **important principles to remember in overcoming worry and anxiety** as subjects in God's Kingdom.

1. P_____ (See God's work in nature - 26, 28-29)

Jesus gives two illustrations that show how God's creation (Rom 1:20) testifies to His providence. What is the point Jesus is trying to make with these examples? The point is NOT that disciples need not work (2 Thess 3:10), but they should not worry about whether **God will provide**. The bird does not work in the ways that we do (sowing, reaping, gathering), but it still works to find food. It does not just sit idly in a tree waiting to be fed.

2. P_____ (We are valuable to God - 26, 30)

We must remember that we are highly valued by God.

- We are created in His image (Gen 1:26-27)
- We are loved by Him (John 3:16)
- We are fellow Heirs with Christ and "more than conquerors" because of Him (Rom 8:16-17, 31-39)

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*Another fresh new year is here
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt and fear
To love, and laugh, and give!*

*This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best*

*I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs
To pray for peace, to plant a tree
And sing more joyful songs!*

Argument from the lesser to the greater → If God takes care of even the birds and the flowers (lesser), He will also take care of us (greater)

3. P_____ (Worry cannot accomplish anything - 27)

Whatever we are worrying about will not be affected by how much we worry about it. Worrying doesn't accomplish anything positive. As a matter of fact, it could have the opposite effect... You can worry yourself to death but not to life.

4. P_____ (God already knows what we need - 31-32)

We can take comfort in the fact that God knows what things we need in life. He knows everything!

5. P_____ (Seek out the heavenly things first - 33)

This goes back to the three metaphors in the preceding verses (19-24) that deal with three choices. Jesus wants us to choose His kingdom first in everything and trust that He will provide for us in our daily needs. His kingdom should be the first thing that we pursue in life.

6. P_____ (Stay in the moment - 34)

An appeal to common sense, even though it is against human nature to not worry about tomorrow.

PRAYER LIST

- **Freddie Brown** is being treated for liver cancer
- **Pat Agee**, Tim's father, has started therapy
- **Isabel Johnson**, 16-year-old friend of the Agees, had a stem cell transplant
- Sympathy to the **Thonda Jones** family in her passing
- **Jim Sims** continues to deal with cancer
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, John Hayes, and Ann Reed**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: C. Baker
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Prayer: D. Billingsley