

Seek Ye First

Scripture Reading:
Matthew 6:24-34

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²⁴ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. ²⁵ Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? ²⁶ Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? ²⁷ Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? ²⁸ And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ²⁹ And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ³¹ Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. ³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Two Masters

- Clarke's Commentary: A man cannot be in perfect indifference betwixt two objects which are incompatible: he is inclined to despise and hate whatever he does not love supremely, when the necessity of a choice presents itself.
- Men are apt to trust in riches.
- **Luke 11:23** He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.
- **2 Corinthians 4:4** in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them.

Matthew 6:25

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- **Luke 8:5-15** ¹⁴ And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.
- **Ecclesiastes 12:13** This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard; fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

Matthew 6:26-27

- ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ²⁷ And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?
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Matthew 6:28-31

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Matthew 6:32-33

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Matthew 6:32

Matthew 7:7-11 (Luke 11:9-13)
⁷Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

Worry

- 1 John 3:22 – Whatever we ask
- 1 John 5:14 – This is the confidence
- James 1:5-6 – if anyone lacks wisdom
- James 4:3 – you ask and do not receive
- John 14:13-14 – Whatever you ask in my name
- John 15:7 – ask whatever you wish
- John 15:16 – whatever you ask
- John 16:23-24 – If you ask
- Mark 11:24 – they will be granted you
- Matthew 18:19 – it shall be done for them
- Matthew 21:22 – you will receive

- Psalms 23:4-6
- Romans 8:31-39
- John 9:31