

Matthew 6:25-34

Verse 25

He begins this verse with “for this reason” which is referring to His teaching on not loving and serving wealth. He immediately begins teaching on not worrying about one’s future provisions, resources, and outcomes as God who is the ultimate provider will provide for His children. He is teaching us not to worry or be anxious. He gives here specific examples: what we will eat, what we will drink, and what we will wear. He asks rhetorical questions: Is life more than food? Is the body more than clothing?

Verse 26

Jesus then uses nature as an example for us to look at. Concerning food, Jesus says that the birds don’t sow, or reap, or gather into barn, but our Heavenly Father feeds them. He is not teaching we are to be lazy and set back and watch God provide. The Bible teaches against laziness (**Proverbs 19:15**). The birds are not lazy, but they don’t worry about the future as God will provide for them. He makes an important statement in this verse when Jesus says “your Heavenly Father” which speaks the adoption of sons unto God that only belongs to His chosen among humanity. The sheep are more valuable than the birds of the air. He willingly laid down His life for the sheep. If He provides for the birds, how much more will He provide for His children.

Verse 27

Jesus now will teach us that worrying is futile and worthless. Worry and anxiety does not ever make any situation better but will often make situations more miserable on our end and bring on extra heartache and suffering not only mentally, but also physically. Worry has not and never will change the outcome of a situation.

Verses 28-30

Now in reference to clothing, Jesus again will draw our attention to nature. He will discuss how the lilies of the field grow, but they don’t toil and spin. However, even Solomon in all His magnificent and beautiful garments could not compare to the beauty that God clothes the flowers with. God also clothes the grass of the field with dew despite grass being temporal, withering, and fading (**1 Peter 1:24**). How much more will He provide for His children who are His eternally. Jesus gets to root of all our worry and anxiety which is lack of faith. We are not glorified with Christ yet, so our faith is still lacking and not complete which is why we continue to worry. If we truly had full faith in God, we would do as He said and never worry. When we worry, we doubt God’s sovereign plan and goodness. We must ask ourselves “does God ever make a mistake in anything He does in our lives?” The more that our faith grows, the less we should worry and be anxious.

- **Romans 8:28** And we know that ^[a]God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Verses 31-32

Jesus teaches that we are not to worry about what we will eat, drink, or wear as the Gentiles worry about these things. We are to take comfort that God knows what we need before we ask Him. Why then does the Bible teach that we are to pray even since He knows all things. Prayer is not for Him; it is for us. Prayer is worship, trust, and surrender to the sovereignty of our Heavenly Father and His provision for His children. Prayer changes us. The more we grow in our faith our prayers will increase in worship and trust in Him in all things.

- **Phil 4:6-9** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all ^[d]comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is ^[e]lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, ^[f]dwell on these things. ⁹ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Verse 33

This is one the most powerful verses in all the Bible. Jesus will now teach us what we are to seek first: His kingdom and His righteousness! His kingdom and His righteousness are what we are to be “worried” about. We don’t seek the kingdom of God until He seeks after us and brings us to spiritual life. After we are born again, we seek the righteousness that is found in the only righteous One who is Christ. By faith we are justified and clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Then we begin seeking after the things of God as no one in their unregenerate fallen state seeks after God (**Romans 3:11**).

- **Matthew 5:6** “Blessed are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- We are **clothed** in His righteousness in justification sola fide in our salvation.
- **Matthew 6:10-11** ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ ‘Give us this day ^[a]our daily bread.
- **Colossians 3:1** Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- We are to seek sanctification and righteousness as this is what we are predestined for (**Romans 8:29**) and sanctification is His will for His children (**1 Thess 4:3**).

If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness all things will these things will be added and will fall into place according to the will of God.

Verse 34

Are we worried about tomorrow? Are we wasting time today worrying about something that may never happen tomorrow? We are not guaranteed tomorrow (**James 4:13-16**), but if tomorrow comes, we are still to trust in Him. This does not mean that we are not to plan, prepare, be ready for the future, but we are not to worry and fret about it as this reveals a lack of faith in our Lord. Let us stay focused on the day, seeking His kingdom, and trusting His provision. As Jesus had just taught us to pray “give us this day our daily bread.”

If Jesus were to look us eye to eye and tell us not to worry about the current situation that we are worried about and that He is working everything out for good, would we stop worrying and believe Him? He is not physically speaking to our ears to tell us that, but He is speaking that very truth to our spiritual ears to our souls through His word. Do we know that He is working all things out together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose and that He does all things well? God has decreed all things that come to pass before the foundation of the world and our worry will never change His plan. Rather, let us remember who He is and trust Him in all things including in our daily provision. Let our minds not be consumed with worry, which is futile, but let our minds be consumed with seeking after His kingdom and His righteousness. The more we know Him and the more our faith grows, the less anxious and worry filled we should be. Why should we worry as plan A is running flawlessly full steam ahead as we speak! Jesus is telling us not to worry or be anxious. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!