



Title: The Message of the King – The Sermon on the Mount (part 9) – Choose Between Two Philosophies of Life.

Text: Matt. 6:25-34

6:25 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.

Introduction:

1. The sermon on the mount is about the Lord Jesus' instructions to His disciples.
2. The context of chapter 6 focuses on avoiding worldly-mindedness.
3. Discipleship is a choice – a choice between two treasures (vv.19-21); two conditions & masters (vv.22-24); and now two philosophies of life (vv.25-34).
 - A. A Pagan view of life – (v.32) – “Gentilic” perspective – what the Gentiles seek.
 - B. A Christian view (v.33) – seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

I. God's care for His people:

- A. God cares therefore worry or worrying is useless and can often eclipse God.
- B. God will provide (he does for the birds and the lilies) – how much more His people.
- C. Two essentials for living – food and clothing. We don't need as much as we think we do.
- D. Our real need is Christ Himself.

II. Christ explains the root problem & offers His solution:

- A. “little faith” (v.30) – here is our main problem.
- B. The word of God helps us to rethink our values and replaces pagan thinking with Christian thinking.
- C. The primary need here is faith; followed by obedience. (v.33)
- D. “All these things” are a by-product of faith and obedience to Christ.
- E. Our “lifegoal” must be to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.
- F. Victory is a day-by-day grace. We must believe and obey the Lord each day – nothing more than to simply focus on this day (each day) and avoid worrying about tomorrow (or the future).

Conclusion:

1. Chapter 5 of Matthew is the doctrine of righteousness. The principle of righteousness.
2. Chapter 6 is His teachings on the application or the practice of righteousness in our every day lives.
3. In Chapter 7 the Lord will begin to teach on the perspective of righteousness in relationship to God and man (both fellow believers and unbelievers).