

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Seeing and Delighting in Jesus through an Expository
Journey through the **Gospel of Matthew**

49- The Kingdom of Heaven and Its Citizens- Part 29
The Clear Eye; Secret Worry; and the Supremacy
of Jesus Christ- Part 1

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Matthew 6:22-34

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to 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, 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?

28 And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!

31 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'

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

33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

*To the Glory of God the Father; God the Son;
and God the Holy Spirit. Amen*

Now beginning today- we are moving past the *first* Section of **Matthew 6** and we're moving into the *final* part of that Chapter. And so, I want to review what the Apostle Matthew is doing by giving us the Details of what we now call, the "*Sermon on the Mount*".

And to do that- we must try to "step out" from *own* Lives of 21st Century American, naturally- born Gentiles- who think; and speak; and act; with a *Western* Mentality; and try to get into the Life of a 1st Century; Jew- who thought; and spoke; and acted; and wrote; with an *Eastern* Mentality- because that is *how* Matthew wrote this amazing Book.

And to correctly "*exegete*" this Passage ("*take out*" of the Scriptures what the Holy Spirit put into it through the human writer)- we must realize that it doesn't matter what this Passage means to *us*. All that matters is what this Passage meant to Matthew as he wrote it- as God the Holy Spirit "*moved*" on him- because he meant very specific things in order to convey Divine Truth to his readers. But since Matthew is dead and has been with the Lord for almost 2,000 years- ALL we have to go on- are the *words* he used- IN THEIR PROPER CONTEXT. But thanks be to God- these Words are enough.

Now as we have already discovered- the Apostle, whose Jewish name was "*Levi*", had been a wicked Sinner- not only because he was conceived with Original Sin and had transgressed God's Law like everybody else- but also because he had betrayed his own people (the Jews) by purchasing a Tax License from the pagan Occupiers and collecting taxes from the Jews to give to the despised Romans. And Jesus gloriously rescued Levi from his sinful Life; by forgiving him of all his Sins; and giving him a new Nature through the Miracle of the New Birth. But, like all of the Believers, who lived BEFORE Jesus died and rose from the Dead- Levi did NOT have the spotless Righteousness of Jesus imputed to himself by Faith alone- until AFTER Jesus rose from the Dead.¹

But because of his sinful Past- Matthew was *determined* to reach out to the Jewish people with a reliable and true Account of the Life; Ministry; Death; Resurrection; and Ascension of Jesus, Whom Matthew is telling his Jewish readers was:

¹ The "*Imputation of Righteousness by Faith alone*"- is ONLY possible AFTER Jesus lived a perfectly sinless Life. At the time Jesus called Matthew (Levi) to Himself- Jesus had NOT yet lived that Life.

- Immanuel (God with us)
- The long-awaited Messiah
- The 2nd Moses

There is Evidence that suggests that **Matthew** was the *first* Gospel Record written²; and that it was written *originally* in the Hebrew Language rather than in Koine Greek.

So, this Gospel Account is Matthew going along with the normal Jewish Manner of “*Telling a Story*” about Jesus, the Messiah.³ And to grab the Attention of the average Jew, who had been raised on the Old Covenant Books- Matthew gave 5 large Sections of inspired Teachings from Jesus- which he put into this Record- in such a Way- to *represent* the first five Books of Moses (the “*Torah*”). And this Sermon- that we call, the “*Sermon on the Mount*” is the *first* of those five Sections of Teaching.⁴

Now the Main Point of this Sermon is found in **Matthew 5:20** where Jesus said,

For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

... and so, the Attributes and Characteristics that Matthew quotes from Jesus in this Sermon show us what that *surpassing* Righteousness looks like.

Now we must try to keep in mind that Jesus did NOT come to merely live a sinless Life; Die; rise from the Dead; and then ascend back into Heaven. Jesus absolutely did all of that- because without all of that- we are doomed. But our Lord did much *more* than that. Because in; by; and through; His sinless Life; His vicarious Death; His literal Resurrection; His Ascension; and His ongoing Ministry of Intercession in Heaven- Jesus brought into Reality the *infinitely* superior “*New Covenant*” that was promised in the Old Covenant and that has now forever *replaced* the inferior Old Covenant.

So, the Types and Symbols; and Figures; and Signs and Shadows; that *represented* the Reality of Jesus and His absolute Supremacy- have now been *fulfilled* by the Reality itself. And that means that EVERYTHING that pertained to the Symbols and the Signs; and the Types; and the Shadows; and the Figures- have been *forever* replaced like:

² Most scholars think that **Mark** was the first Gospel Record published and was derived from another Manuscript called, “**Q**”. But a few think it is possible that **Matthew** came before **Mark**.

³ A Jewish Teacher would have gathered his Students together and begun his Teaching with the Statement, “*Let me tell you a Story.*” And then he would relate all that Jesus said and did while He was on the earth.

⁴ The others are weaved into the remaining Chapters of Matthew’s Gospel Record

- Animal Sacrifices
- The Levitical Priesthood
- The Sanhedrin Court
- The Temple in Jerusalem
- The Sabbath Laws
- The Dietary Laws
- The Ceremonial Laws

Now please go with me to a Passage that will be very familiar to those of you who have covenanted in Membership with this Church- **1Corinthians 11**- that we read every Lord's Day before we partake of the Lord's Table. And I want to look at just one verse- verse 25:

In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Now we don't really think about this too much- because all we have ever known is Communion with the Bread and the Cup. But again, we need to try to get into the shoes of Peter and John and the others, who all their Lives were used to taking the "*Passover Feast*".

You see, back in **Exodus 12**- God told Moses to take a first-born, male lamb; roast it; and eat it. And God said to take the blood of the lamb and put in over the door posts and the side posts of the front door of the dwelling places they had as slaves in Egypt.

And God sent the Death Angel that night to kill the first- born of Man as well as the first- born of all the animals. But when the Death- Angel saw the blood- he would "pass-over" that house and not kill anyone. And when they came into the Promised Land- the Jews were *commanded* to keep the "*Passover Feast*"- as a memorial to what God had done.

So, every year since they were children all of Jesus' Disciples had kept the "*Passover Feast*" faithfully in accord to what Moses had taught. But here in verse 25- Jesus shows us His absolute Supremacy by taking the Old Covenant Shadow and Symbol of the Passover Lamb and fulfilling it- *in Himself!* And that is what He meant when He said,

This cup is the new covenant in My blood...

Jesus is now bringing into Reality- the promised New Covenant. And by doing that- He also brought the Old Covenant to an End. And so, Jesus is teaching here that this sacred Feast was ALWAYS about Him. But until He came- all the Jew had was the Shadow of that Reality. But now Jesus has come- and so, the Shadow; and the Type; and the Symbol; and the Figure; and the Sign- MUST give way to the Reality. And to show them (and us) His absolute Supremacy- Jesus told them that from now on- the “*Feast of Passover*” would NO LONGER be attached to the Old Covenant- but to the New. And so, Jesus told them this,

... do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

So, from now on- from the Moment Jesus said this- anyone keeping the Passover Feast in Obedience to what Moses wrote was NOT pleasing God. In order to please God- nobody can keep this Feast because of what Moses said- because that has to do with ONLY the Old Covenant. From now on- anyone keeping this Feast properly MUST keep it- ONLY in remembrance of Jesus!

So, Jesus came to save the Lost- *Yes! Yes! Yes!* But He *also* came to move the Jews *past* the inferior Old Covenant and into the infinitely superior New. And Jesus came to *expose* the false Religion of the Scribes and Pharisees; as well as the Sadducees; the Essenes; and the Zealots- and bring their religious Abomination to a *decisive* End.

So, God is no longer dividing the world into the historic two Groups that the Old Covenant made of:

1. Jews
2. Gentiles

... He is now dividing the world into two *new* Groups- based on what the New Covenant teaches of:

1. Believer
2. Non-believer

Now what is odd and strange about this- is that under the superior New Covenant- the *natural-born* Jew may be either a “*Believer*” or a “*Non-believer*”. And the *natural-born* Gentile may also be in either Group as well. So, the Issues that divided people under the Old Covenant like Ethnicity; Race; and Nationality are completely irrelevant. What matters under the New Covenant is that a *real*, genuine Jew- a *real* “child of Abraham”- are those who “*do the Works of Abraham*”. And what was that Work?

Genesis 15:6

Then he [Abraham] believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

... what allowed Abraham to become “Righteous” was NOT that he kept the Law of Moses- because that Law wasn’t even given until 430 years later. What allowed Abraham to be Righteous and qualify for Entrance into Heaven- was that he believed! So, the “*Work of Believing*” allowed Abraham to be “reckoned” or “counted” as Righteous.

And Jesus elaborated even *further* on this when He said this in **John 8:39b&40; 56b&58:**

39... If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.

40 But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

56 ... Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.

58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

So, for anyone (natural-born Jew or natural- born Gentile) to be a genuine “child of Abraham” requires that they do these four things:

1. Do the Deeds of Abraham
2. Rejoice to see Jesus’ Day (His Coming)
3. Be glad to see Jesus
4. Believe that Jesus is God Almighty in human Flesh (I AM)

... so, whoever does NOT rejoice to see Jesus’ Day; whoever does NOT believe that Jesus is God Almighty in human Flesh; is NOT a child of Abraham; and will NOT inherit the Promise of God to Abraham.

So, it is possible that a *natural-born* Jew could well be a *spiritual* Gentile (a Non-believer) and a *natural-born* Gentile could be a *spiritual* Jew (a Believer).

But it goes ever further. Because if, by God’s Grace, a *natural-born* Gentile becomes a Believer (spiritual Jew)- then he also becomes a “*son or daughter of Abraham*”- which means they are also an “*heir of the Abrahamic Covenant*”. But under the New Covenant- the children of Abraham will NOT inherit the geographic Nation of Israel- but will inherit the WHOLE WORLD (**Matthew 5:5**)!

So, here in this Sermon that we call, the “*Sermon on the Mount*”- Matthew is careful to show us that Jesus is purposely *separating* between the “*natural-born*

Jew” from the “*spiritual Jew*”- or the “*true Jew*”- who is the *genuine* son or daughter of Abraham. So, all through this Sermon, Jesus says, “***Don’t be like the Hypocrites*** (the *natural-born Jew* who is a *spiritual Gentile*)- but be like “this”. And then Jesus gives the Attributes and Characteristics of the *true Jew* and the *genuine* child of Abraham and the heir of God’s Promise to Abraham- which is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now in verses 1-24- Jesus teaches about the Relationship between a genuine child of Abraham or a true Jew and:

- Giving to the Poor
- Praying
- Fasting
- Wealth

.. and now in verses 22-34- Jesus tells us about three things:

1. The “Clear Eye”
2. A “Secret Worry”
3. The absolute “Supremacy of Jesus Christ”

... so, let’s look again at what Jesus taught about genuine Believers having a “Clear Eye” by looking again at verses 22-24:

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Now right off “Jump Street” Jesus tells us that the natural Eye of human beings is something He called, the “*Lamp of the Body*”. So, what did He mean by saying that?

There is a very strange phrase that sits in between the Command to lay up Treasures in Heaven (6:19-21) and the Warning that we *cannot* serve God and Wealth (6:24). And that strange phrase is:

The eye is the lamp of the body ...

So, what did Jesus mean when He said this? And then Jesus went on to draw a Comparison between an Eye that was “*Clear*” (Literally: “*Single*”) and an Eye that was “*Bad*” or “*Evil*”. And finally, *why* did Jesus put this strange Statement in between the two Teachings about Money; Possessions; and Wealth? So, what Jesus is getting at here is this:

How you see Reality- determines whether you are walking in Darkness or walking in the Light

So, the Issue that has to do with the Eye is: How we “see” or “comprehend” or “understand” the ultimate Reality in the Universe, which is:

The infinite Worth and Value of God

... and that Reality is set against the Worth and the Value of Money; Possessions; and Wealth.

Jesus said that our Eye was “*Clear*” or “*Single*” when it is focused *singularly* on the Worth of God being *infinitely* Better and much more Valuable than the Worth of Money; Possessions; and Wealth. And when that happens- Jesus said- our “*whole body*” or the “*entirety*” of that individual is “*full of Light*” or “*full of the Knowledge of the Glory of God*”.

But Jesus also said that our Eye is “*Bad*” when the *lure* of Money; Possessions and Wealth *deceives* us; and we “*see*” Money and Wealth and Possessions as being *more* Valuable than God. And Jesus said that this causes our “*whole body*” or the “*entirety*” of that individual to be filled with “*Darkness*”- which signifies that the person *remains* Lost.

So, in this amazing Statement by Jesus we see several things:

- The Eye is the Lamp (Illumination) of the entire Body
- Our Eye can be either Clear (Single) or Bad (Evil)
- The Eye- “Sees”; “Comprehends”; or “Understands”
- Money; Possessions; and Wealth have the Power to cause our Eye to be “Bad” (Evil)
- If the Illumination of the entire Body is Evil- then the Darkness is Great

And the Conclusion that Jesus made is that if the Object that has the ability to bring Light into the whole Body is Bad”- then that person CANNOT be saved- precisely because the Darkness fills his Eye.

Now before anyone tries to defend themselves- please hear this: Regardless of how you think about Money; Possessions; or Wealth- we have to agree that the

Bible teaches that, as Believers, we are to handle these three things with great Caution. And that means that these three things do have the Power to rob God of your full Love and to rob you of a full Relationship with God. So, this Message is merely an attempt at helping all of us- me included- handle these three things with that biblical Caution.

Now back in **6:19-21** the Issue was: Genuine Believers should *desire* Heaven's Rewards and *not* the Rewards of this Earth. In other words, we should "crave"; and "seek after" after God and His Glory- rather than Money; Possessions; or Wealth. And then in **6:24** the Issue was whether you can serve two Masters. And the Answer straight from Jesus was: You *cannot* serve God and Wealth. So, God made humans in such a Way that we can ONLY love Wealth OR God- but we CANNOT love them Both. So, it is either/or- NOT both/and- as the Prosperity Preachers wrongly teach.

So, this Statement about the Eye is actually a Lesson on "*Seeing*"; or "*Comprehending*"; or "*Understanding*" God- because NOTHING happens until you see; or until you comprehend; or until you understand God in His Glory. Please go with me to **2Corinthians 4:3&4**, where the Apostle Paul wrote:

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Now look what the Apostle said was satan's *primary* Goal for us in verse 4:

... the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see ...

Now the "god of this World" is satan. And satan has moved on the Lost- to *keep* them Lost- by doing what?

... Blind[ing] the minds of the unbelieving ...

... which has to do with the "Eye"- of **Matthew 6:22&23**.

So, satan "blinds the Mind of the Unbelieving"- or the Lost- to *keep* them Lost- so that what will NOT happen?

... so that they might not see ...

... so, they will NOT "see"; or "comprehend"; or "understand"- WHAT?

... the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

... and that is the “Bad” or the “Evil” Eye of **Matthew 6:23**. And another Way that Paul said the very SAME thing is found in **2Corinthians 4:6** that says,
... the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

So, satan is *actively* and *consistently* working to blind the Minds of the Lost- so they will NOT “see”; or “comprehend” or “understand” the Glory of God in Christ (the Glory of Christ in God). And Jesus said in **Matthew 6:22-24** that one of the *main* Ways that satan blinds the Mind of the Lost is through Money; Possessions; and Wealth.

So, the Eye that CAN see or comprehend or understand the Glory of God in Christ (or the Glory of Christ in God)- is the “*Clear*” (Single) Eye of **Matthew 6:22**. And the Eye that CANNOT see or comprehend or understand the Glory of God in Christ (or the Glory of Christ in God) is the “*Bad*” (Evil) Eye of **Matthew 6:23**. And Jesus ties all of this together with the Issues of Money; Possessions; and Wealth- that operate in *opposition* to God and His Ways.

So, Jesus said if you are busy- laying up Treasures in Heaven and *not* on Earth- that is Confirmation that God has, of a Truth, given you a new Nature through the Miracle of the New Birth; and you have been- bought and paid for- by the Blood of the Lamb. In other words, if your Heart is fixed on God and NOT Money; Possessions; or Wealth- then you know you are walking in the Light- even as Jesus is the Light.

Now in between these two Descriptions of the Light Jesus says that the Eye is the “*Lamp of the Body*”. And the Lord said that a “*Clear*” Eye; or an Eye that is “*Single*”- produces a *fullness* of that Light. So, what is the “*Clear*” Eye that gives so much Light and what is the “*Bad*” Eye that leaves us in the Dark?

A very Good Clue is found over in **Matthew 20:15** where, in a Parable, Jesus said that men, who worked just one Hour, will be paid the SAME as those who worked all day long. And that is because of two things:

1. The Master is Merciful
2. They all agreed to their Wages in advance

But those who worked all day long began to grumble that the men, who worked just one hour, were *over-paid*. And Jesus responded in **Matthew 20:15** with Words that sound very *similar* to what He said here in **Matthew 6:23**,

... is your eye envious because I am generous?'

Now in the *King James Version* Jesus is quoted as saying,

... Is thine eye evil, because I am good? (Matthew 20:15b KJV)

Now why did Jesus say it like that? He is saying that HOW we see things determines if our Eye is “*Clear*” (Single) or “*Bad*” (Evil). And the Greek word for this evil Eye is (*poneeros*; Strong’s #4190) and it means: *Evil-disposed; Malignant; Wicked; Evil in Nature; Bad; Envious; Vicious; and Corrupt.*

So, what is so “*Bad*” or “*Evil*” about their Eye? Their Eye does NOT “see” the Mercy of God- *as it is manifested or displayed in this Case-* as being “*Beautiful*”. They “see” this Demonstration of God’s Mercy as something that is “*Ugly*”; “*Wrong*”; and emotionally “*Lenient*”- rather than “*Glorious*”.

Because their Eye is now “*Evil*”; “*Wicked*”; and “*Envious*”- their Mind is blinded; and they CANNOT see the Glory of God in Christ (or the Glory of Christ in God). And guess what the Subject was that satan used to do this? “*Money*”.

So, satan used the Love for “*Money*”; “*Possessions*”; and “*Wealth*” that these people had- to blind their Minds- so they CANNOT “see” Reality as it actually is. And so, satan was successful in keeping these people from “beholding” the Glory of God he also kept the other two things from happening to these people:

1. Loving what they see
2. Being changed into what they see

... which is WHY Jesus gave us this Warning.

So, because their Eye is “*Bad*” or “*Evil*”- they look at a clear Demonstration of the Mercy of God- and their polluted Eye sees it as being “*Evil*”; and not nearly as “*Useful*” and not nearly as “*Attractive*” to them as “*Money*”; “*Possessions*”; and “*Wealth*” are.

In other words, these people have bought into the Lie that Money and Wealth and Material Possessions can do *more* for them; and give them a *better* Life; and can offer them the *fullness* of Delight- and God can’t. So, they *willfully* reject God; and they *joyfully* embrace the Money; or the Wealth; or the Possessions. And they stay Lost. And this is a perfect Example of classic Idolatry.

Now please hear me about this. Neither Money nor Wealth nor Material Possessions are “*Evil*” in and of themselves. That is NOT what Jesus taught. So, it is NOT about how *much* Money or how *many* Possessions a person may have that is the Problem. And neither is it the *depth* or the *scope* of a person’s Wealth.

The Problem is that these three things: Money; Material Possessions and Wealth- MORE THAN ALMOST ANYTHING ELSE- are “*Reflectors*”. These three things have the Ability to reveal the Truth about the human Heart. And so, because God loves us deeply- He is faithful to warn us about how these three things can *pollute* our Soul and cause us to *lose* and *miss out* of the Beauty and the Satisfaction of a real, true, and deep Relationship with God.

Now bring that *same* Understanding of the “*Bad*” Eye back to **Matthew 6:23** and allow it to determine the Meaning of the “*Clear*” or the “*Single*” Eye. So, what would the “*Clear*” Eye be- that *enables* it to fill us with Light? It would be an Eye that sees the Master's Generosity as more precious than Money. So, the “*Clear*” Eye sees God and His Ways as the great Treasure in Life- rather than Money.

And you know you have a Clear Eye when you look on Heaven and love to *maximize* the Reward of God's Fellowship there. You have a “*Clear*” Eye if you look at the *false* “*master*” of Money; Possessions; and Wealth and the *true* Master called, God and you see the *true* Master called, “*God*” as being *infinitely* more Valuable.

In other words, a “*Clear*” or a “*Single*” Eye is an Eye that can place the correct Value on God. It is an Eye that can correctly discern between the true and the false “*masters*” that seek to *dominate* or “*Rule over*” your Life. And the “*Clear*” or the “*Single*” Eye is an Eye that can correctly treasure Jesus above everything else- including your own Life.

A “*Clear*” Eye doesn't merely see Facts about Money and God. It doesn't simply perceive what is “*True*” and “*False*”. It's deeper and more profound than that. The “*Clear*” or the “*Single*” Eye sees Beauty and Ugliness and it senses Value as opposed to Worthlessness; and it discerns what is really Desirable and what is Undesirable. And that means that the “*seeing*” of the “*Clear*” or the “*Single*” Eye is NEVER neutral. It NEVER tries to “*split the Difference*” and it never tries to find “*Common Ground*” between that which is Holy and that which is Profane.

So, when the “*Clear*” Eye sees God- in the Face of Jesus Christ- it ALWAYS sees Him as- “*Beautiful*”. It ALWAYS sees God as- “*Desirable*”. And it ALWAYS sees God as- the ANSWER to EVERY Problem; the SOLUTION to EVERY Obstacle; and the ultimate FINALITY to EVERY Situation.

That is why the “*Clear*” or the “*Single*” Eye leads to the Way of Light: laying up Treasures in Heaven; and serving God- not Money; Possessions; or Wealth. The “*Clear*” Eye is a *single* Eye- that is focused on the “*Brilliance*”; or the “*Importance*”; or the “*Glory*” of Jesus Christ. And that Eye has but one Treasure: God. And when we have a Clear or a Single Eye like that today in the 21st Century- we also will be filled with Light!

And so, when we are faced with Situations that lend itself to Worry- we trust that the God who opened our Eye so that we could see the Glory of God in Christ (or the Glory of Christ in God)- is the SAME God who will make a Way for us in that Situation.

But to simply use humanly engineered Discipline or Will-power to resist the Temptation to Worry or to be Anxious over that Situation- is NOT what Jesus taught. Jesus taught that us “seeing” the Glory of God in Christ (or the Glory of Christ in God) with an Eye that is “Clear” or “Single” will fill our whole bodies with the Light of God. And the Bible says that seeing the Glory of God will cause us to love what we see; and to be changed into what we see. And it is that miraculous; supernatural; and powerful Transformation that we experience by seeing the Glory of God with a Clear Eye- that will empower us to overcome Worry and Anxiety- which is a form of Unbelief.

So, the three Things that Jesus teaches here in the last Section of **Matthew 6** are not random unrelated Thoughts of Jesus that have no connection. The practical Results of us understanding; or us comprehending; or us seeing; or us beholding; the absolute Supremacy of Jesus Christ- is that the *secret* Struggle that we have *internally* with “Anxiety” and “Worry” will be *eliminated* and *removed*- Jesus said- because our Eye is “Clear” and our Eye is singularly focused on the brilliance of the Glory of God in Christ (or the Glory of Christ in God)- that satan is trying desperately to blind us to. And because we now behold the most important Reality in the Universe correctly; and we love what we see- we are also being transformed into what we see (**2Corinthians 3:18**)!

And Jesus is teaching this here in this Sermon because this Characteristic; this Attribute of *escaping* the of Anxiety and Worry by *marveling* at the Supremacy of Jesus Christ- is part of the “surpassing Righteousness” that identifies the NEW people; who will be the true Jews; who will become the true children of Abraham; who will fully embrace the NEW Covenant; and who will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Eye of this new people is Clear and they have escaped the false Promises that Money; Possessions; and Wealth make- because now they see and behold and comprehend and understand that Jesus is truly the Treasure of the entire Universe!

Amen. Let's pray.

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