

The Kingdom and Its Ethic, Part 5
Seeing The World Properly
Matthew 6:22-34

- I. Our “Sight” Is Often “Blindness” (22-23)
- II. The World As “Possession” (24-32)
 - A. The problem with humanity, specifically those still living in the “City of Man” is that we falsely view the world and all it contains as a possession – something belonging to us
 - 1. My time
 - 2. My money
 - 3. My family
 - 4. My job
 - 5. My LIFE
 - B. Consider the worry Jesus’ discusses
 - 1. Worry over life matters
 - 2. Worry over money
 - 3. Worry over food
 - 4. Worry over clothes
 - C. When we view life as possession, we displace God from His throne and place ourselves upon it
 - 1. God is maker of heaven and earth
 - 2. God is the author of life
 - 3. God is the giver of rain
 - 4. God makes the rich and the poor alike
- III. The Stewardship of Incarnational Living (24-32)
 - A. We have to view life and all it contains with a view toward “stewardship”
 - 1. A steward looks after other people, other people’s possessions, or manages and keeps order at large events being out on by someone else

- 2. This word perfectly describes the person embracing the “rule of God” and walking toward the “City of God”
 - B. God is the owner – of everything
 - 1. He has granted us the privilege in caring for others
 - 2. He has granted us the privilege in caring for this world, and receiving blessing from it (6:32)
 - 3. He has granted us the privilege of participating in the events he is putting on in this world
- IV. What Are We “Looking For” (32-34)
 - A. To seek – to look diligently for something
 - B. Seek first:
 - 1. The kingdom
 - 2. His righteousness
 - C. Then:
 - 1. The other things will be added
 - 2. You release yourself from the worry of it being taken away
 - 3. You are able to focus on the truth, beauty, and goodness of the present moment