

The Father's Promise & the Children's Peace

Matthew 6:25-34

<p>Prohibition Against Anxiety</p>		<p>(25) Because of this, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor your body, what you will wear. <i>Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?</i></p>	<p>Introductory Question</p> <p>What do our anxieties reveal about our perception of our heavenly Father?</p>
		<p>Notes</p>	
<p>Two Examples From Creation</p>	<p>Birds of the Air</p> <p>It Is God Who Nourishes</p> <p><i>Two Rhetorical Questions With An Emphasis On "You"</i></p>	<p>(26) Look closely at the birds of the air: they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor do they gather into storehouses, and yet, <u>your heavenly Father feeds</u> them. <i>Are you not of greater value than they?</i> (27) <i>And which of you, by being anxious, can add even a single hour to his span of life?</i></p>	
	<p>Lilies of the Field</p> <p>It Is God Who Clothes</p> <p><i>One Rhetorical Question With An Emphasis On "God"</i></p>	<p>(28) <i>And why are you anxious about clothing?</i> Consider carefully the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, (29) yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these. (30) <i>Now, if God thus clothes the grass of the field— which today is alive and tomorrow is cast into the oven— will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?</i></p>	
<p>Contrast</p>	<p>The Heart of the Unbeliever (Orphan)</p>	<p>(31) Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'What shall we wear?'</p> <p>(32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things. Indeed, <u>your heavenly Father knows that you have need of them all.</u></p>	
	<p>The Heart of the Believer (Child of God)</p>	<p>(33) But you seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.</p>	
<p>Concluding Exhortation</p>		<p>(34) Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Enough for the day is its own trouble.</p>	

Proposition:

Rest in your Father's promise and seek your Father's praise.