



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 12:22-34 (NAS)

Topic: Why Worry?+

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- 22 And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on.
23 "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.
24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!
25 "And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span?
26 "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?
27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.
28 "But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith!
29 "And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying.
30 "For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.
31 "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.
32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.
33 "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys.
34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

I. DON'T WORRY

- A. World's Approach ó Blind Optimism
- B. The Christian Approach ó Psalm 1; Philippians 4:4

II. DEALING WITH WORRY

- A. Trust In The Lord ó Really Trust Him
 - 1. Doesn't mean we don't prepare for the future
 - 2. Doesn't mean we neglect work *1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 4:28*

- B. We Need Not Worry Because God Meets Our Needs

- 1. He takes care of the birds
- 2. He shepherds his people *Psalm 23:1*

- C. We Need Not Worry Because It Accomplishes Nothing

- D. We Should Not Worry Because It Negates Faith *Proverbs 3:5,6; Romans 8:32*

III. SEEKING THE KINGDOM

- A. Setting Our Eyes On The King *Philippians 2:10,11*
- B. We Do Have Possessions *Acts 5:4*
- C. Learning To Grip Our Possessions Loosely
- D. Storing Up The Imperishable For the Eternal Kingdom