

The Kingdom Of God II

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Do Not Worry

- **Mat 6**

Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?.....For the pagans run after all these things, **and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.**

- **Passage talks about not worrying about life**
- **Difference between needs & wants (Bread vs. Cereal)**
 - **Need a bigger house, car, TVs**
 - **Having food & clothing – content (1Tim 6:8)**
- **Passage is talking about all our needs in life**
 - **Includes emotional as well as physical (ie. Worry)**

Don't Worry? How?

•Mat 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

•Is this really true?

•Don't have to worry about our life? Possible?

-China & food card

•What does it mean to seek 1st His kingdom & righteousness?

•Don't have to worry about my problems...

-What does this look like (in practical terms)?

Seek 1st His Kingdom & Righteousness

- Last week, we discussed that the kingdom of God is like a treasure in a field (Mat 13:44-46).

 - Seek it, want it, desire it, believe it, look for it

 - Airline tickets

 - Bible is like a Treasure map (Ps. 119:105, Prov 3:5-6, Ps 1)

- So unnatural to seek it 1st

 - Want man's answers

 - Doctor or medicine

 - Drugs or alcohol (Ukraine)

 - Psychiatrists or massage parlors

- When we are down (ie. stressed) and not doing well:

 - Prov 11:25 "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

 - * Security guard (Faye)

 - Go to God with thanksgiving (Phil 4:6-7, 2Thes 5:17)

 - * Job

What His Kingdom Look Like

Mark 12:28-34

“Love God and one another more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Jesus said, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Rom 14:17 “For kingdom of God is not about eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit...”

- **Take this in**
 - Love, Righteous, Peace, and Joy
 - Seek love & righteousness (peace & joy follow)
- **Ex. Someone hurts us (an enemy or a friend)**
 - Natural reactions
 - Hurt back, avoid, indifference, boil
 - God’s Kingdom (Gotta seek it)
 - Love & forgive (Mat 6:14-15)
 - Kindness (Rom 2:4)
 - Makes no sense..foolish (1Cor 1:18)

What about His Righteousness

- “What is right for me” vs. “What is right for God”

- I have a right to...

- Space on a freeway

- Respected and loved by spouse and others

- Reputation & Money

- Good health (ex. Death of a love one before their time)

- * Man in Bangladesh

What about His Righteousness

- When someone violate our rights:

- Natural response is usually of anger (eye for an eye)

- Road rage & estranged relationship

- Seek God's Righteousness (What is right in God's sight)

- Eph 4:31-32 - Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave us.

- Forgive how many times (disciples asked)

- 1Tim 6:10 - For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love..

- Can't love God and Mammon (money)

Can't Do it

- **Tried so many times, can't let go of anger, money, life...**
 - True... We can't forgive or let go of anger on our own strength
 - * Deep wounds. Pouring salt on it.
 - Can't let go of love for money/job (even at expense of hurting others)
 - I need the money for...
 - Can't let go of our life (what we desire most..relationship)
- **God wants to heal us of those wounds**
 - That's why it begins with release of anger and forgiveness
 - Where hurt resides
 - Then choosing to live life of righteousness.
- **Much more required. Not what I want.**
 - God required that we give our lives (John 12:25)
 - God required it of Jesus (Phil 2)
 - God required it of Abraham
 - God required it of you and me (Gal 2:20)

Our Kingdom

- **Honestly, the problem is ourselves**
 - Seek to establish our own kingdom
 - Something that we are born with
 - Don't know how I got it, but at age 9 I wanted it
 - That was why I was filled with so much griefs, hurts, & depression
- **Research Study that was done**
 - Every depressed person was healed when they developed a ?
 - Grateful spirit
- **Since birth**
 - Look at me
 - I need this.. I need that...
 - Life's about me

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Seek 1st His Kingdom

-This is new time and season

-For us to live in Righteousness, Peace, and Joy

-Therefore, we must

-Seek 1st His Kingdom & His righteousness. All these things will be given to us as well...

-Do you want it? His Kingdom?

-Repent.. (For the kingdom of God is at hands)

-Seek it...

-Live it...

Edification Time

- What spoke to you in this message
- Pray for one another.

