

Prioritizing God's Kingdom and Righteousness

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 6:27-34 _ One28
(5th June 2019)

Outline

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Context

Problem

The incompatibility of worrying and the Christian Life

1. Consider how God provides for the birds (v. 26)
2. Consider how God clothes the grass of the field (v. 28)
3. Consider the fact that those who do not have God as their father worry about these things (v. 32)
 1. Theory of Contingency
 2. Fatalism
 3. Doctrine of Certainty (Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones)

Solution (1/2)

1. The Appeal to God's Character

1. God provides (v. 26)
2. God gives life and sovereignly determines our lifespan (v. 27)
3. God's omniscience (v. 32b)

Solution (2/2)

1. The Appeal to God's Character
2. Prioritizing God

1. His Kingdom (v. 33a)
2. His Righteousness (v. 33b)

Application

1. Take a stock of your spiritual life by asking some deep questions
 1. Am I a Christian at all or am I merely playing the game?
 2. If I am a Christian, how do respond to challenging situations in my life?
 3. Is my reaction different compared to what it would have been was I not a Christian?
 4. By my response, am I bringing glory to God or am I grieving God?
 5. Am I truly seeking God and his kingdom and righteousness or am I seeking the 'stuff' that this world has to offer?

Application

1. Take a stock of your spiritual life by asking some deep questions
2. Study an attribute of God this week
 1. *'What does it mean that God is omniscient?'* (Got Questions)
 2. *'The Holiness of God'* by R C Sproul
 3. *'Knowing God'* by J I Packer

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