

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 6:25-34
FEBRUARY 6, 2019

INTRODUCTION:

1. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is addressing how to have a righteousness that exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. Our religion is more about the heart than optics.
2. In chapter 6, Jesus address religion from the heart as having a proper value system.
 - a) Value God's approval more than man's approval. (Matt. 6.1-18)
 - b) Value the treasures of heaven more than treasures on earth. (Matt. 6.19-34, esp. v. 21)
3. Zooming in on the immediate context, there are three observations related to our treasures.
 - a) **MATTHEW 6.19-21:** I am to live my life pursuing one goal. (Phil. 3.12-14)
 - b) **MATTHEW 6.22,23:** I am to live my life single determination. (1 Cor. 2.2)
 - c) **MATTHEW 6.24:** I am to live my life serving one God. (Col. 3.5)
4. **MATTHEW 6.25:** *"Therefore I say to you..."* We all need money to survive. But worry indicates misplaced values. Set your heart on heaven, and let God take care of the rest.

I. GOD SEES ME AS VALUABLE

- A. **MATTHEW 6.25:** *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life"*
 1. Literally, do not keep worrying. (Phil. 4.6)
 2. **MATTHEW 6.25:** *"...what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on."* We are not to worry about material needs. Why?
 3. **MATTHEW 6.26:** *"Are you not of more value than they?"* We are valuable in the eyes of God. (Matt. 10.29; Phil. 4.6; Luke 12.6,7,22-24)
- B. I need to remember that I am valuable to God.
 1. God has always been there even from the day of my birth. (Psa. 139.7-12,13-16)
 2. God has promised that He will never leave me. (Heb. 13.5,6)
 3. I can lay all my concerns on God, because He cares. (1 Pet. 5.7; distractions)
 4. The greatest demonstration of God's love for me is seen in Jesus. (Rom. 8.32)

II. SOME THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE

- A. **MATTHEW 6.27:** *"Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"*
 1. A cubit is the measurement from elbow to fingertip, roughly 18 inches. Literally, who can add a cubit to his life's journey. (cf. Ps. 39.5)
 2. How much has worry accomplished anything in your life?
- B. When circumstances are difficult, there are two choices. Worry or acceptance.
 1. Paul accepted his physical infirmities. (2 Cor. 12.8-12)
 2. Paul learned to be content. (Phil. 4.11-13)

III. TRUST IN GOD

- A. God takes care of His creation. (Matt. 6.28-30)
 1. **MATTHEW 6.28,29:** *"Consider the lilies of the field..."*
 2. **MATTHEW 6.30:** *"...will He not much more clothe you"*
 3. **MATTHEW 6.30:** *"O you of little faith?"*
- B. **MATTHEW 6.31-34:** If I set heaven as my one goal, live with a single-minded determination, and serve only God, then God will take care of the rest.