

Faith—so amazing

IN DAILY LIFE

Mt. 6:25-34

Mt. 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought** for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you **by taking thought** can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And **why take ye thought** for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, **O ye of little faith?**

31 Therefore **take no thought**, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 **Take therefore no thought** for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

- ❖ Last week, we began considering the instruction by the Lord Jesus concerning how believers should handle basic challenges in daily life.
- ❖ A few verses earlier in this chapter, the Lord Jesus taught the people about having the proper concern over riches: Mt. 6:19-21.
- ❖ We considered the example given by Jesus about a certain rich man in Luke 12:16-21.
- ❖ The rich man was living for his success, and was “not rich toward God.”

- ❖ Satan will tempt people with riches and trouble mankind about the lack of possessions.
- ❖ In our passage, Jesus taught that lack of money would produce wrong thoughts.
- ❖ Believers naturally are concerned about survival, but Jesus warned about too much focus upon such things leading to a place where He cautions – “...O ye of little faith.”
- ❖ This passage begins with “Therefore,” a summary of the previous verses dealing with a person’s focus, and then emphasizes the main point – “Take no thought.”

- ❖ The same emphasis is in verses 27, 28, 31, then ending with verse 34a – “**Take therefore no thought** for the morrow...”
- ❖ The same idea is found in Phil. 4:6-13.
- ❖ As a believer, pray and think correctly according to God’s concern.
- ❖ Let’s review the text and what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

## I. FACING DAILY LIFE, 6:25-26

### A. The Pressure Acknowledged, 6:25a

1. The Problems of Diet – “Therefore I say unto you,  
**Take no thought...**”

2. The Problems of Dress – “...nor yet for your body,  
what ye shall put on...”

### B. The Perspective Altered, 6:25b-26

1. A New View of Life, 6:25b – “...Is not the life more  
than meat, and the body than raiment?”

2. A New Value of Life, 6:26

- ❖ The illustration of the birds indicates that they are not farmers, but it is the “heavenly Father” that feeds them. God is not their servant; He is their provider.



As we continue observing this passage, we need to realize that the Lord Jesus was teaching from His perspective how mankind should live. He was challenging His audience to “think” properly. We have this same passage to challenge our thinking, too.

Ezek. 33:10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins *be* upon us, and we pine away in them, **how should we then live?**

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❖ Believers are taught in the Word of God to be diligent about business, but not to worry.

Prov. 22:29 Seest thou a man **diligent in his business**? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

Rom. 12:11 **Not slothful in business**; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

1 Thess. 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and **to do your own business**, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

1 Tim. 5:8 But **if any provide not for his own**, and specially for those of his own house, **he hath denied the faith**, and is **worse than an infidel**.

Rom. 13:8 **Owe no man any thing, but to love one another**: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

## II. FAITH AND DIVINE LOGIC, 6:27-32

### A. Our Human Frame, 6:27

Mt. 6:27 Which of you **by taking thought** can add one cubit unto his stature?

- ❖ Consider logic's power and weakness with this simple question – can you add height?
- ❖ A person's worrying, or thought processing, doesn't change anything. "Taking thought" can be an exercise of futility.

## B. Our Halting Faith, 6:28-30

### 1. The Glory of the Lilies, 6:28-29

## a. Consider Them, 6:28

Mt. 6:28 And **why take ye thought** for raiment? **Consider the lilies** of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

- ❖ How do the lilies produce their “clothing?” God provides.

## b. Contrast Them, 6:29

Mt. 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

- ❖ The greatness of Solomon and his wardrobe are of no comparison to the grandeur of the lily.

## 2. The Glory of the Lord, 6:30

### a. His Utter Dependability, 6:30a

“Wherefore, if **God so clothe** the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven...”

- ❖ God’s creativity in designing His clothing of creation has built-in deterioration.
- ❖ Mankind is vulnerable to eventual deterioration, too.

Isa. 40:7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: **surely the people *is* grass.**

8 **The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:** but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

1 Pet. 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of **man as the flower of grass.** The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

Psa. 102:11 My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and **I am withered like grass.**

Psa. 90:12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may **apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.**

b. Our Unworthy Doubts, 6:30b “...*shall he* not much more *clothe* you, **O ye of little faith?**”

- ❖ If God is given to details like lilies and grass, “*shall he* not much more *clothe* you?”
- ❖ To not trust in the Lord is to exhibit “little faith.”

## C. Our Heavenly Father, 6:31-32

### 1. A Command, 6:31

Mt. 6:31 Therefore **take no thought**, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?



❖ “Therefore” = considering God takes care of His creation, “take no thought” whether or not He can take care of you.

2. A Comparison, 6:32a “(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:)...”

❖ The Jewish audience is being downgraded and equated to the lowly Gentiles.

3. A Comfort, 6:32b “...for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”

❖ Everyone's needs are NOT unknown to God.

Mt. 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for **your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.**

### III. A DIFFERENT LAW, 6:33-34

#### A. What Must Be First, 6:33

##### 1. The Great Priorities of our Life, 6:33a

a. The Sphere of God's Rule – “But **seek ye first the kingdom of God,**

❖ This is the first mention of “the kingdom of God” in Scripture.

## b. The Sphere of God's Righteousness – “...and his righteousness...”

❖ The “kingdom of God” is connected to God's righteousness.

Rom. 14:17 For **the kingdom of God** is not meat and drink; but **righteousness**, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

2. The Great Promises of our Lord, 6:33b “...and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Psa. 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: **blessed is the man *that* trusteth in him.**

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for ***there is no want to them that fear him.*** (See Psa. 23:1)

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but **they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.**

Psa. 37:3 **Trust in the LORD, and do good;** so shalt thou dwell in the land, and **verily thou shalt be fed.**

Phil. 4:19 But **my God shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory **by Christ Jesus.**

## B. What Must Be Fought, 6:34

1. Tomorrow's Worries, 6:34a **"Take therefore no thought** for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself..."

Prov. 27:1 **Boast not thyself of to morrow;** for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Jas. 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas **ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow.** For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that **ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

Phil. 4:6 **Be careful for nothing;** but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

2. Today's Wickedness, 6:34b "...Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof."

❖ Forget the unchangeable past, and do not fear the unforeseeable future. It will take care of itself. KEEP WALKING BY FAITH!

## Summary

- ❖ Jesus expressed His concern and correction regarding how a believer should focus on daily life.
- ❖ Food, clothing, and shelter may be the simple necessities of life, but have faith in the Lord and His provisions and show it by making Him and His will the priority of life.
- ❖ To “take thought” or worrying about “things” is a manifestation of lack of trust, or an expressing of stubborn pride of self-sufficiency.
- ❖ To “take thought” is worrying that is needless, senseless, useless, and most of all, faithless.



Jas. 1:9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because **as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.**

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but **it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth:** so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

## Conclusion

Isa. 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee**: because he trusteth in thee.

There is a story told about a little clock who began to worry about the number of times he would have to tick in the New Year. He silently told himself that he would have to tick about 120 times a minute which meant that he would tick around 173,000 a day. The more he thought, the greater his concern and worry began to really set in. He began to cringe when he calculated that he would tick over 1.2 million times every week which would mean that he must tick almost 63 million times in a year. The more he began to dwell on this, the more the anxiety began to build. That anxiety became so consuming that his ticker suffered problems, and he could not function properly.

Finally, after much worry and indecision, he realized he needed help. He decided to call upon a psychiatrist. Securing an appointment, he interacted with the medical professional and conveyed that he did not feel he had what it would demand for him to tick that often. The psychiatrist asked him precisely how many times he must tick at a time. The little clock responded that he had to tick only once at a time. The psychiatrist then asked, “What would happen if you simply used your energies **to simply tick just one tick at a time?**” The little clock thought for a moment and then began to smile. “That is the answer,” he replied loudly. “I will simply not worry about the 1.2 million ticks but only concern myself with ticking one tick at a time.” He left the psychiatrist’s office happy, and as the story goes, proceeded to tick happily ever after.

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