

Matthew: The Life & Teaching of Jesus the Messiah

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Key Idea: *The problem with many of us Christians is that we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, but we do not believe Him—D. Martin Lloyd-Jones*

Lesson 33 Matt. 6:25-34 Don't Worry? (7-26-26)

I. FORETHOUGHT OR ANXIOUS THOUGHT? (V.1A)

A. Does Jesus teach Bobby McFerrin theology? _____

B. What is *anxious* thought?

1. Martha's _____ (Luke 10:40)

2. The cares of the _____ (Luke 8:14)

3. Consider how modern western culture is gripped by *angst*:

- In philosophy & literature & youth culture:

- The all-consuming quest for “security”:

- The humanists’ version of Providence: welcome to the nanny-state:

- What about you? Are you a _____ (V.31)

C. The issue is not about _____ for the _____ but whether we trust God’s _____. (Prov. 6:6f)

1. God already _____ what we _____ (6:8 cf. v. 32)

2. And yet _____ that we _____ (6:11).

3. The key question: _____

II. CONSIDER WHY WORRY IS A FRUITLESS DEAD END

A. An argument from human experience—greater to lesser (v. 25):

- If God already cares for our _____ & _____, can we not trust him to take care of our _____ & _____.

B. An argument from necessity (v.27): You can’t do the _____

C. An argument from nature—from lesser to greater (vv. 26, 28-30):

- If God supplies birds with _____ and flowers with _____ then certainly his people can trust God to provide for _____.

D. An argument to embarrass a good Jew (v.31-33)

- Implication: Worry is an act of _____ that leads to _____

E. A pragmatic argument (v. 34): _____

III. WHERE YOU GO FROM HERE IS A QUESTION OF WHAT YOU ARE LIVING FOR

A. Jesus is not telling us we will never have _____ (v.34)

1. Our assurance is _____ (Matt. 10:31)

B. Our job is to stay _____ on the _____ (v.33)

1. In words, what has God _____ you _____?

What is your _____