

# BUT SEEK YE FIRST

## MATTHEW 6:24-34

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Introduction:

We all at times have a tendency to worry. We worry what people think of us, we worry over the future, we worry about our parents, children, and other family members.

There seems to be no end to worry. And worry has a twin sister. Her name is fear. Fear and worry go together.

God does not want us to worry, to fear, to be anxious, or to be uptight.

Instead of us being “uptight”, God wants us to be “up close”.

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Worry is caused by having the wrong master; we cannot serve God and mammon.

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3 times this passage says to us, ‘Take no thought...’ That means don’t worry. So if we are not to think of these things, what are we to do?

## **1. THINK OF HIS GREATNESS (VS 25-30)**

A. His Greatness is Seen in the Wonder of His Provisions (vs. 26, 28)

### **Matthew 6:26**

<sup>26</sup> 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?

### **Matthew 6:28**

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

- *Behold the fowls* – Birds are always singing in thanksgiving

- *Consider the Lilies* – Their beauty and their prosperity

## B. His Greatness is Seen in the Worth of His People (vs. 26b)

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- *Much better than they*

If God does all this for plants and animals, what will He do for us!

## **2. TRUST IN HIS GRACIOUSNESS**

### A. His Work of Grace (vs. 30-31)

### **Matthew 6:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> 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? <sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

If He does all that for the grass, how much more will He do for us in magnitude and quantity!

It is a sign of little faith to worry about these things -  
Trust in the work of His Grace!

## B. His Wisdom of His Grace (vs. 32)

### **Matthew 6:32**

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

Your Heavenly Father knows.

Trust in His Graciousness, Recognize the Wisdom of His Grace - He knows all about it!

## **3. TREASURE HIS GOODNESS (VS. 33-34)**

### A. The Goodness of His Plan (vs. 33a)

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

- *Seek ye first*

This speaks of priority.

- *The Kingdom of God* – His will done on earth as in Heaven
- *His Righteousness* – When God rules there is perfect righteousness

## B. The Goodness of His Promise (vs. 33b)

- *All these things shall be added unto you*

Close:

How do we keep from worrying?

Think about His Greatness

Trust in His Graciousness

Treasure His Goodness

Fog can be a scary and obscure our vision, causing accidents. Do you know how much actual water is in fog? They say 7 city blocks could be covered in fog 100 feet deep, and yet it's less than an 8 oz. drinking glass of water. And worry is like a thick fog that will settle in and shut you down, but there's really nothing to it!