

Jesus' Remedy For Worry

Matthew 6:25-34

I. Our Lord Jesus Admonishes Us Against Worrying (vs. 25a)

Recall verse 11.

II. Our Lord Jesus Argues Against Worrying (vss. 25b-30)

First, Jesus offers an argument *from the greater to the lesser* (vs. 25b).

Second, Jesus offers a series of arguments *from the lesser to the greater* (vss. 26-30). In the process, He also seeks to highlight the *ineffectiveness of worrying* (vs. 27).

Notice the progression of the argument. *First* Jesus warns against seeking earthly riches rather than treasure in Heaven (vss. 19-24). *Then* He zeroes in on what so easily leads to such a desire for earthly riches, which is worry about the future (vss. 25-27). And *then* He pinpoints the source of such worrying, which is a lack of faith (vss. 28-30).

But see also:

Matthew 25:31-36

Corinthians 11:28-29

How do we understand such passages in a unified way? *First*, we must distinguish between *concern* about our daily needs and *worry* about such things.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Philippians 4:6-7

Second, we must also distinguish between *selfless concern* for others and *selfishly worrying* about our own needs.

III. Our Lord Jesus Asserts Our True Priority That Alleviates Worrying (vss. 31-34)

First, when we worry more about our temporal, earthly needs than we do about eternal, heavenly things, we are behaving the same way the heathen do. Recall vs. 13, 16 and see Matt. 13:22

Second, when we worry as the heathen do, we are acting as though our heavenly Father does not really know or understand our needs.

Matthew 4:23a

Matthew 6:9-10

Matthew 5:10

Matthew 5:16