

The Gospel of Matthew #66**Sermon on the Mount: chapter 6: LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**Overview of chapter 6

He is teaching us to live *consistently* with what we say we believe:

- An unseen eternal Kingdom of God our Home
- A heavenly **Father** Who the center of our affections & Help

But we live as practical atheists in 2 basic ways:

1. Whose FAVOR we seek: v1-18

Egs: A. Giving (v2-4) B. Praying (v5-15) C. Fasting (v16-18)

2. What TREASURES we seek: v19-34

Our preoccupation with STUFF: A. Acquisition (v19-24)

B. Anxiety (v25-34)

Each one cries, "More!"

Ch 5: righteousness → ch 6: **FAITH**

ANXIETY: TEN REASONS TO NOT WORRY (II)**Matthew 6:25-34**

- I. He commands not to three times (v25, 31, 34). Implies choice
- II. Life is more than material needs and pleasures (v25)
- III. Worrying accomplishes nothing (v27)
- IV. Worry is the pastime of unbelievers (v32): no heavenly Father
- V. The "therefore" in v25 connects this with v1-24:
Your Father & Treasure are in Heaven
So seek **His Kingdom**
and **His Righteousness** as your life's priority,
and all you need will be provided (v33-34, cf. 6:9-10 → 11)

VI. God is _____ by nature:
Birds (v26) and flowers (v28-30)

VII. You are far more _____ to Him than birds or flowers
(v26, 30)
Jesus *died* for you. Do you think He does not care about your food
and clothing needs?!

VIII. He is _____ of all your needs, and cares
(v32b; cf. 6:8 → 11)

I Peter 5:7

IX. _____ your gaze and pursuit to His Kingdom and Righteousness (cf. 5:3, 6; 6:9-13),
And His **promise** is that all your bodily needs will be provided for (v33)

X. _____ is not here yet. He will provide for you when you need it, not necessarily before (v34; cf. 6:11)
Has He let you down yet, or shown Himself unfaithful?

Trusting Him for today without worrying about tomorrow is childlike faith that honors Him.

Consider that Jesus knew what lay ahead for Him. But HE did not worry about it. He trusted His Father daily.
And He went to the cross for you.
How then shall God not give you whatever you need, since He has given you His Son (Rom 8:32)?

God _____ to be trusted.
So choose to obey: **Do NOT WORRY!**

When you get anxious, remember the **4 Cs**:

- **Command:** you commanded to not worry, so it is possible not to
- **Confess:** your anxiety as sin that dishonors Him
- **Character:** remember His character and rest in that
- **C/Kingdom:** refocus your attention thru the Lord's Prayer

Note: next week we begin chapter 7.

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