

Trinity Bible Church
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 Lesson 44

Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.
 - 10. The Sermon on the Mount.
 - Q. No Parading of Good Deeds. Matt 6:1-18
 - R. Treasures in Heaven. Matt 6:19-24
 - S. Priorities. Matt 6:25-34

Matt 6:25 = The Problem: Anxieties of Life. (Luke 12:22-23)

"For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?"

Luke 12:22-23 And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. 23"For life is more than food, and the body than clothing.

The Problem: pressures of life.

The Question: what thoughts take priority?

Matt 6:26 = The Solution: Consider God's Provision (Luke 12:24)

"Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"

Luke 12:24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; and they have no storeroom nor barn; and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!"

The Solution: Consider God's provision.

The First Question: Are you valuable to God?

Matt 6:27 = Can Anxiety Lengthen Life?? (Luke 12:25-26)

"And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span?"

Luke 12:25-26 "And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span? 26 "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why are you anxious about other matters?"

The Second Question: Can anxiety lengthen life?

The Third Question (Luke): Do you have the power to lengthen life?

Matt 6:28 = What about Clothing?

"And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

The Fourth Question: What are your external priorities?

Matt 6:29 = The Comparison. (Luke 12:27)

yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

Luke 12:27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

The Solution: Consider God's provision the best.

Matt 6:30 = The Real Problem is Faith (Luke 12:28)

"But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith?

Luke 12:28 "But If God so arrays the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, O men of little faith!

The real problem is not the pressures of life but faith in divine provision.

Matt 6:31 = The Command (Luke 12:29)

"Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'

Luke 12:29 "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying.

Comment: Why do people care more about the overt and how they look than commands and exhortations to faith?

Matt 6:32 = The Focus (Luke 12:30)

"For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

Luke 12:30 "For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

Principle: Focus on the supplier, not the supplies.

Matt 6:33 = The Sequence (Luke 12:31)

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

Luke 12:31 "But seek for His kingdom, and these things shall be added to you.

Matt 6:34 = The Present

"Therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Summary:**1. Valid Anxieties:**

- A. Concern for your spouse. 1 Cor 7:32-34**
- B. Concern for other members of the local Body. 1 Cor 12:25**
- C. Concern for God's people. 2 Cor 11:28**
- D. Concerned action for other members of the Body. Phil 2:19-20**

2. Invalid Anxieties:

- A. Anxiety that comes from worldly pursuits. Matt 13:22; Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14; Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14**
- B. Anxiety that comes from a confrontation with evil. Matt 10:17-20**
- C. Anxiety that comes from service to the Lord at the expense of a closer relationship with Him. Luke 10:40-42**
- D. Anxiety faced in the last generation. Luke 21:34-35**

3. The Solution to Anxiety:

- A. Anxiety is to be handled with prayer. Php 4:6-8**
- B. It is a prayer for humility, faith, and accepting God's love. 1 Pet 5:6**
- C. Then it involves an ongoing focus on His Kingdom and His righteousness. Matt 6:34-35**
- D. Realize that there is a battle involved for it is one of Satan's most powerful tools. 1 Pet 5:8**