

Wisdom Not Worry
Thursday, March 19, 2020

Matthew 6:28-31

Good morning, Second Family. I pray this meditation finds you well. Take a moment with me to consider Jesus' words in Matthew 6:28-31.

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Jesus provides yet one more reason why we ought not worry - **Worry is a sure sign of unbelief**. Of this truth, author and pastor Paul Tripp writes:

“Unlike the pagan Gentiles, Christians have a heavenly Father who willingly, faithfully, and eternally takes on the burden of our provision. It makes sense that pagans worry, because they don't have the assurance of divine provision, but Christians shouldn't be anxious. We have a Father who knows exactly what we need and is in the process of delivering exactly what we need, exactly when we need it, and in the exact location where we need it...If you don't have what you think you need right now, it's because you don't need it right now.”

Our Father is a faithful provider. He provided safe refuge for Noah (Gen. 6), a sacrifice for Abraham (Gen. 22), meat and manna for the Israelites (Exodus 16), bread for Elijah (1 Kings 17) and a Savior for his people (Luke 2). He will provide. My dear brothers and sisters, this current crisis, unlike any I can recall in my lifetime, is an opportunity to display the goodness of God by the way we conduct ourselves. Our calm confidence, selfless generosity, genuine care, irrepressible joy and daily trust in Jesus is a billboard advertising the goodness of our Father who not only knows our needs but sent his Son to meet them. When people ask, “How can you remain so calm in this crisis?” Be sure to tell them.

Don't worry. Be Wise.

Grateful,

Pastor Ben