

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 47. Do Not Worry – Matthew 6:25-34

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- I. Worry is Self-Serving – vs. 25-27
 - A. Worry = an anxious or uneasy spirit or mind, distracted by being overly concerned – Luke 10:38-42
 - B. Life is not Merely about the External
 - C. What We Wear vs. What We Are
 - D. God Provides, and He Provides Means – sow, reap, gather
 1. “We cannot be serving God and glorifying Him if we are constantly filled with doubt about His ability to take care of us.” – JMB
 2. “If you are worrying, you are not trusting; if you are trusting, you are not worrying.” – JMB
 3. “Here we are reminded once more of the terrible subtlety of Satan and of sin. It is immaterial to him whether you are laying up treasures on earth or worrying about earthly things. All he is concerned about is that your mind should be on them and not on God.” – MLJ – Col. 3:1-3
 - E. We Cannot Add a Single Hour to Life
- II. Worry is a Lack of Faith – vs. 28-30
 - A. “Little Faith is not a Little Fault” – CHS
 1. Insufficient faith
 2. Believing only some of God’s promises – 2 Peter 1:3-4
 3. We believe on the Lord but fail to believe Him
 4. Faith means refusing to think about worrying things – Phil. 4:6-9
 - B. Do You Believe that He Cares for You? – 1 Peter 5:6-7; Matt. 11:28-30
 1. Not just a feeling - He is able to take care of you
 2. Cast = an act of the will by which we stop worrying and let God assume the responsibility for our well being
- III. Worry Worships the World’s Trinity of Cares – vs. 31-32
 - A. Eat, Drink, Wear - “The Worldling’s Catechism of Distrust”
 1. Pagan Priorities
 2. “May I be so eager after heavenly things, that I altogether leave my earthly cares with Thee.” – CHS
 - B. Dealing with Worry
 1. Your Heavenly Father knows what you need
 2. Recognize that all the promises of the Sermon on the Mount are for Christians only
 3. Learn about God’s nature (attributes) and His ability to care for you
 4. Turn to God immediately when you feel worry approaching
- IV. Worry about Tomorrow Denies God’s Promises – vs. 34
 - A. Anxiety Cannot Help You – CHS
 1. It is useless and degrades you to the level of the heathen (unbelievers)
 2. There is no need for it
 3. To import the possible sorrows of tomorrow into the thoughts of today is a superfluity of unbelief
 4. Anxiety is evil – Rom. 14:23
 5. Anxiety about things which have not yet happened is altogether without excuse – James 4:13-17
 - B. Have Faith in God - “Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him – and leave them there, oh, leave them there.” (verse 3)

Cross References

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Colossians 3:1-3

3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Philippians 4:6-9

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

James 4:13-17

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

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