

## *Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 91*

### *How to Live to Keep Tomorrow under Control*

*“24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Matthew 6:24-34 KJV)*

*“24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24 KJV)* As we cannot serve both God and money, then we need to decide to obey one and neglect the other. As we decided to follow God, then we need to decide to leave the love of money, the greed, the dishonesty, the love of material things, and the lust of the eyes, in order for us to follow God.

*“25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?” (Matthew 6:25 KJV)* \* When He said *“Take no thought for your life”*, Jesus means that the one who gave you life will also provide for you. But Christ is not against us to work and earn and labor in order to support our lives. \* Christ is not against to budget or plan how to spend our money, these are the right thoughts. \* But He is against that you are anxious and go beyond and do strange things in order to collect more money in order to provide for your daily needs. It is good to have work and to budget your income in the way that we described previously to spend on yourself, to pay your debt, to enjoy life, to spend on your family, to give to God, to help others and to save. But God is against that you overwork in order to collect more. Some they go for part time job in addition to their salary and income. Some they will go away from God in order not to give back to God because they think that they will not have enough if they will give to God. Some they use their money to do business in addition to their income and put their finances in jeopardy because of these businesses. Such attitude and actions will come out due to lack of faith and disbelief and it will bring dishonor to God. Some out of worldliness, and the lust of the eyes they go and put their money in houses and lands thinking that they will make more money but later on since these are not in the plan of God they will suffer losses.

*“Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.”* Christ who gave us life will also provide for us. What we need in life is the food and the drink to maintain our bodies, and the clothes in order to cover our bodies, and the rest of the essential things, and if we have such things we need to be content and satisfied with that.

*“Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?”* God did not only give us the food and the drinks and the clothes but He gave us also the breath of life, so how much more that He will give us those other small things as food, drink and clothes in order to maintain our lives and our bodies. God gave us life, which is a great thing, then how much more the less things that we need in life, and as Paul said, *“32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32 KJV)* If God gave us eternal life through Jesus Christ, then He will give us those smaller things as well.

*“26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?” (Matthew 6:26 KJV)* *“Behold the fowls of the air:”* Look and learn from the example of the birds. Here Jesus used the example of the birds in order to challenge them and to challenge us today to have the right faith in God. Jesus used the example of food because it is important to sustain and to prolong life, for without food or drink man will die. Here it mentioned fowls, but in *Luke 12* Jesus mentioned the ravens who are voracious eaters but God provide for them, *“24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?” (Luke 12:24 KJV)* When Jesus said that they sow not and they reap not and have no barn to store that does not mean we should not work and labor and budget, spend and save, but to tell them, and to tell us that we need to have faith in God and faith in His Word and to obey Him, and to love Him and follow Him because He will provide for us and sustain us. *Psalms 145* declares that all creatures are fed by God, *“15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. 16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.” (Psalms 145:15-16 KJV)* Beside that, if God will provide for the birds who do none of these how much more He will provide for us when we are doing these right things, to sow, to reap and to store treasures in Heaven.

*“27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?” (Matthew 5:27 KJV)* What He means by taking thought is not about thinking in the right way to do right actions to live for God, but about thinking in a wrong way and being anxious will lead you to take wrong decisions and do wrong actions and wrong steps in life that would finally bring troubles into your life. What He means by *“can add one cubit unto his stature”*, is to add length to his stature which is impossible for man to do, and in *Luke 12* we can also read what Jesus said that adding one cubit, which is 45 centimeter, to our stature is more impossible things to do, *“25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?” (Luke 12:25-26 KJV)* Then if we cannot do this smallest thing, then why we need to take thought, anxious and wrong thoughts and wrong steps and wrong actions about other things that are sure beyond our capabilities?

***“28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:” (Matthew 6:28 KJV)*** Here Jesus used the example of raiment and challenged them and challenging us today why we should not need to be anxious and think anxious thoughts about what we are going to wear. At the time of Jesus clothes were an expensive thing to provide. Even until now, dress with all items like shoes is expensive thing. Jesus used the example of the lilies of the field, how they will grow and they increase in size, and they are not working and earning as man, and they don’t go and get wool as man do, and they spin not and have no skill to do spinning at all as man can do, but they are very well dressed by God.

***“29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:29 KJV)*** Not the common rulers or kings, but King Solomon who was the richest King of Israel and his treasures exceeded the other kings of the world was not able to, not in his ordinary days, but in all his glorious days, was not able to be dressed and arrayed like one of those flowers and lilies that people were seeing over the mountain. They grown up by themselves and they were best dressed and adorned by God.

***“30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?” (Matthew 6:30 KJV)*** Jesus was telling them and telling us today if God will clothe the grass of the field, the lilies and the rest of flowers, orchards and herbs which grow by itself and today you can see them, but tomorrow they will be burned and are gone to prepare the field for planting, will not God also clothe us and protect us and care for us, we who are called to worship God and serve Him, we who are called to be children of God and light for others, will He not care for us and provide for us on due time and according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***“O ye of little faith?”*** Jesus confronted them and confronting us today being of little faith when we don’t trust God, that as we do what is right then we are going to meet and receive the provision of God and the care and the protection of God. Put in your mind the following: Wrong thoughts and wrong deeds and actions are also come out from little faith.

Jesus used the example of the birds, the grass and the lilies of the field because he was preaching over the mountain and he can point out to the people around Him examples from the things that people can see with their eyes every day.

***“31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?” (Matthew 6:31 KJV)*** \* Don’t take wrong thoughts and don’t take wrong actions in life when you are challenged with trials and situations in life. Good you have your work and the right budgeting to spend on yourself and on your family, to enjoy God’s provision, to give what is due to God, to help others and to save. \* But don’t be tempted by the challenges of life and take wrong actions that will disturb your life and the good plan that God had for you. God knows your needs of food, drinks, clothes and other essential things and God shall provide for you as you involve in life and is doing the right thing as He ordained.

***“32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.” (Matthew 6:32 KJV)*** Jesus was challenging them and He is challenging us today not to be like the non believers, the Gentiles and the other

nations who are having wrong faith and wrong thoughts who does not know God, nor His ways nor His Word, nor experience His love nor His providence, and who does not know about life after death. Therefore they are greedy loving money and loving the present world because they don’t know about the new world to come, therefore you find them greedy, busy to collect more and with anxious thoughts and wrong thoughts to live better on earth because they don’t know about God who care for them and the eternal life, the place that He prepared for those who love Him.

***“for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”*** Again Jesus brought them back to God the Father. Jesus today is bringing us back to God the Father, who knows what we really need and He is going to provide us with all our needs as we go forward doing the whole will of God. God knows all our needs and He is the Creator and He is able to provide for us and for our families, for our children and for our churches and ministries, even in the middle of difficulties and trials as we abide in Him, as He know very well what we needs. So they and we should not go away from God so we can get our needs from Him. Therefore, we need to continue to be with God so we will receive from Him all what we need.

***“33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33 KJV)*** \* To get all our needs we need to seek first the Kingdom of God, we need to put God first in everything in our lives, we need to seek Christ, the King of the Kingdom, and to seek His Word and His instructions and His ways, and His righteousness, to repent of our sins and renounce our wrong ways and to live in holiness, to live in Christ, the righteousness of God and not man, and then after all these things that our needs from food, drinks, clothes and other essential things and necessities will be added unto us. \*As you seek God, then on His time He will add to you all the necessities that you need and will add to you more tokens of His goodness and His bounty.

***“34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Matthew 6:34 KJV)*** Jesus means not to take wrong thoughts and not to take wrong decision or boast about tomorrow, and about what to come. Six time the Word ***“thought”*** repeated here in this passage and what Jesus meant not to take wrong thought that will lead you to take wrong action. Don’t be distressed about tomorrow because it is not in your hand to control that. You do what is right today according to what God and His Word and the Holy Spirit is directing you to do today, and don’t take actions just because of uncertain thoughts of what will happen tomorrow because tomorrow is not in your hand and you cannot predict it.

From my experience I was only doing what God’s Word and his Spirit was dictating to me to do, and not because of my thoughts about tomorrow. When I obeyed I found out that when tomorrow had come I am at ease because I obeyed God and not because of what I thought. So you might have anxious thoughts during the day that disturbing your mind, but you don’t need to obey them or do them, but you need to obey what God is telling to you to do then you will find yourself ready when tomorrow had come.

***“Take therefore no thought for the morrow:”*** Is also means not to boast about tomorrow, because when you boast about tomorrow, you are telling that you can control tomorrow or tomorrow is in your hand but that is boasting and that is evil in the sight of

God because tomorrow is in the hand of God and not in the hand of man as we can read here in the Scriptures, ***“I Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”*** (Proverbs 27:1 KJV) ***“13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.”*** (James 4:13-16 KJV) Many they plan for the tomorrow, to go, to travel, to buy, to sell and to do business and that is boasting and also because tomorrow is not in their hands but in the hand of God.

***“for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.”*** The events of tomorrow are under the control of God and not under us, therefore in order to put tomorrow under control we need to obey God precisely today so when tomorrow will come you can see yourself well provided. ***You may have thoughts and that tempt you to do certain things but you resist and don't do so, that you can do only what God is telling you during the trial of the day so that when tomorrow will come will be under your control. Hallelujah and that is the victory that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

***My dear and beloved: “Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Be careful today to obey God and do exactly His will so you can overcome the trials and put tomorrow under control*** as we can read in James, ***“17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”*** (James 4:17 KJV) ***When we sin by not doing our assignments well tomorrow is out of our control, but when we obey God, tomorrow will be under our control.***

***Let us come now to the Lord, let us commit ourselves to put God first, and let us commit ourselves to obey God and follow His Word so we can secure tomorrow.***

Let us pray.

***My prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your teaching that helped me and delivered me from my anxious thoughts, worries and unnecessary actions.

***Let us confess and renounce our sins. Renounce all your worries. lack of faith and lack of fully trusting God. Renounce all the unnecessary action that coming from worries about tomorrow and renounce your boasting and your showing off. Renounce your greed, the love of money, your worldliness and your love for material things. Renounce doing your own plans and projects and rejecting doing the will of God. Renounce your thinking of things below and not the things of Heaven. Renounce your lack of reading and meditating on the Word of God which had made your faith weak. Renounce your watching for TV, News, and the Media, and playing games that had contributed negatively to your faith on God. Lord I renounce the following sins\_\_\_\_\_.*** Lord I commit myself to refrain from the following wrong thoughts \_\_\_\_\_.

***Lord I trust that you can take me out from this trial of life \_\_\_\_\_.***

***Lord thank you for my brethren and sisters who repented of their sins and committed their lives to obey your Word and apply them in their lives. Lord sustain them and provide all their needs, increase their faith, remove all their worries and do miracles to them and take them victoriously through the trail that they are passing through. Lord protect them from the evil one and deal with their enemies and help them to continue to live their lives for you and to continue to serve you.***

***Lord bless us as a church as we commit ourselves to live according to your Word and your will. Lord lead us to do your will and your purpose in our lives, trusting tomorrow is in your hand as we commit ourselves to obey you this very day. Lord take us out from trials and open to us new doors to serve you. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize and reach new people, and make new disciples and train more workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.***

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