

"PROOFS OF ISRAEL - IX"

"Our Needs Will Be Taken Care Of"

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MATTHEW 6:25-33:

- 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.

Folks, this is taken from Jesus' "Sermon On The Mount", given about 31 A.D., on a hillside somewhere in Galilee where he lived and taught! Can't you just see him coursing his way up the hill with a gentle breeze sweeping down from the mountains, tossing the waves of his golden chestnut hair causing them to dance upon his broad shoulders, and a "multitude of people from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from across the Jordan River following him every step of the way? He reaches a promontory from which he turns to face the crowd of thousands and they stop in their tracks finding a place to comfortably sit or stand as his clear, and ringing voice seems to be carried down to them on the wind . . . "*Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .*"

His "fair eyes" sparkle as they move from face to face, and his words seem to pierce their very souls as he tells them (and us), *"We should not worry about our day to day necessities such as

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food, clothing, and drink, etc., because life is more than these things. That all of the worry in the world cannot add anything to our present bodily structure. To do so, he added, simply shows how little faith we have in him and his Word. * (paraphrased)

He then, in no uncertain terms, COMMANDS US TO, ABOVE ALL ELSE, SEEK THE KINGDOM OF HIS FATHER - GOD, AND HIS RIGHTSTANDING, AND ALL OF OUR NEEDS WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY OUR FATHER!

What our LORD has told us here is this: IF WE ARE TRULY A CHRISTIAN, AND HAVE A RIGHT STANDING WITH HIM, WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A THING. You will never see a righteous person begging on the streets! Think on this! It is true, and yet when I made this same statement to a gathering of "Christians" in my church years ago, I was almost branded a heretic. But I knew something at that time, that they did not apparently, and that is that GOD'S WORD IS NOT PARTIALLY TRUE ...IT IS ABSOLUTELY, UNEQUIVOCABLY, TRUE. IF GOD SAID IT ... BELIEVE IT!

Of course, JESUS-CHRIST is GOD-IN-THE-FLESH, therefore when he commanded us to "TAKE NO THOUGHT ABOUT OUR FOOD, CLOTHING, AND SHELTER, WE CAN TRUST HIM TO DO WHAT HE SAID HE WILL DO. However, there is a part which we must play - WE MUST SEEK HIS WILL AND OBEY HIM!"