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**I. THIS VERSE CONCLUSION TO THIS SECTION OF SERMON. "THE PROBLEM OF OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE THINGS IN THIS WORLD."**

- A. Everyone faced with this problem, rich and poor.
  - 1. Rich in danger of laying up worldly treasures.
  - 2. Poor in danger of worry about needs.
  - 3. Both cases minds are off of God, and on worldly things.
- B. Third time uses phrase, "Take therefore no thought."
  - 1. This time as conclusion.
  - 2. Many thing vs. 33, "Seek ye first..." such a perfect conclusion that this is anti-climatic.
  - 3. "Seek ye first" seems to be so final that nothing could be added.
  - 4. Christ adds, "Don't be anxious about tomorrow (the future. for tomorrow will take thought of the things of itself." "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."
    - a. This is more than repetition or a summation, this is a continuation of thought.
    - b. Worry is a force or power that takes hold of people If nothing to worry about now, we turn to the future (Worried because nothing to worry about..
      - 1. People really unwilling to be released from its power. They don't really want an answer. "You really have a problem don't you?"

**II. WHAT CHRIST SAYS ABOUT WORRY FOR THE FUTURE.**

- A. Context - consider birds - consider lilies.
- B. Not to spend our days adding grand total of everything that might happen to us the rest of our lives.
  - 1. Live one day at a time. "Are there not 12 hours in a day?"
- C. He will be with us according to our need.
  - 1. "As thy days are, so shall thy strength be."
  - 2. "Jesus Christ the same..."
  - 3. II Cor. 1:10.
- D. We must not go forward and tack tomorrow's quota onto today's strength.

**III. PROBLEM THAT ARISES IN THIS TEXT. 2 QUESTIONS GENERALLY ASKED.**

- A. It is wrong to save money?
- B. Should a Christian take out an insurance policy?
  - 1. Answered earlier in birds. God has ordained ploughing, sowing, reaping. (In a sense preparation for future.)
    - a. Don't worry about tomorrow.
    - b. These things should never dominate.
  - 2. Danger is to take any extreme vices.
- C. God deals with different individuals in different ways.
  - 1. George Mueller.
  - 2. Bob Pierce.