



Sunday, June 12, 2011: Anxiety

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34; Ezekiel 36:22-32

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Sermon Notes:

1. Jesus is speaking to the orientation of our lives: Are we seeking earthly or heavenly treasures? Are we light or darkness? Are we serving God or money?
2. If we're seeking heavenly treasure, if we're filled with light, if we're serving God, then we have no need to be anxious.
3. The focus is to be on God; seek his kingdom and righteousness.
4. God has graciously given us life and body, so surely he will give us clothing and food, just as he cares for the birds and flowers.
5. Though we're not to be consumed with our daily needs, we are still to work, as God commands. 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12
6. We're to do what God has called us to do and God will be faithful to provide.
7. Our priority is the kingdom of God and his righteousness.
8. Is our focus still on our needs and anxieties when we seek His kingdom?
9. The Holy Spirit comforts believers. The Paraclete is the one beside us who answers our call.
10. God promises the gift of the Spirit through the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.22-32).
11. The Holy Spirit makes us righteous; that is, he enables us to walk in God's statutes and to obey his rules.
12. We need first regeneration and a new heart; the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal body.
13. If God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3), will he not also provide for our earthly needs.
14. When the tabernacle was completed, the glory of God filled the tabernacle. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled His people (Cf. Exodus 40.34-38 and Acts 2:1-4).
15. Paul exhorts us to rejoice always. Philippians 4:6-7.
16. In time of need or distress we can say with the preacher in Hebrews, "The Lord is my helper" (Hebrews 13).
17. We're to be a people of comfort and consolation; 2 Corinthians 1.

Application Questions:

1. Is my priority the kingdom of God and his righteousness?
2. How is my level of anxiety related to the focus of my life on seeking his kingdom?
3. How must we balance seeking the kingdom with avoidance of indolence?
4. What is the role of prayer in guiding our life's orientation?
5. What does Psalm 37 say about the believer's comfort when facing temporal trouble?
6. Why is the feast of Pentecost so important for the church?