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Theme Unit: Enduring Beliefs of the Church
Unit I: Our GOD and the Holy Scriptures
Subject: Our Heavenly Father! Letting of Worry
Printed Text: Matthew 6: 24-34

Key verse:

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).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) **Serve or Despise the Father: The Cost of Materialism (Matthew 6: 24)**
- 2) **Worry or Trust the Father: The Cost of Materialism (Matthew 6: 25-32)**
- 3) **Kingdom Living: The Remedy for Materialism (Matthew 6: 33-34)**

Introduction:

This lesson on Matthew chapter six (6) begins with Jesus Christ's warning about hypocrisy as one serves GOD in various ways. Through instructions on prayer, fasting, and priorities; Jesus Christ continues to teach on living a life that depends on a loving heavenly Father's gracious provision for all of our needs. Jesus Christ pulls back the curtain between heaven and earth to show or to reveal the truth about GOD the Father. Why, because many people think less of Jesus Christ than who HE truly is, The Son of the Living GOD.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- **Serve or Despise the Father: The Cost of Materialism (Matthew 6: 24)**

To serve or to the despise the Father speaks of Jesus Christ's teaching on living as citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus Christ teaches that one cannot serve two masters; why, because trying to serve two masters causes confusion, and they, that do so, will find themselves constantly torn between who or what receives their attention. Living in the Kingdom of heaven as citizens there is only one King (Master) and HIS name is GOD the Father. Jesus Christ says, "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). Now upon hearing this many of the Pharisees derided or despised Jesus Christ and HIS teaching (Read Luke 16: 13-14).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Worry or Trust the Father: The Cost of Materialism (Matthew 6: 25-32)**

Do not be anxious for your Provision, why, because worrying solves nothing: you have heard the saying, if you worry do not pray, and if you pray do not worry; we should only trust GOD the Father, and do not worry about the out come, because GOD the Father is the answer for us all. So,

remember to stay focus on GOD the Father, who is the bigger picture; why, because taking your focus off GOD the Father, you will miss out on life's necessities, which is GOD the Father. Jesus Christ says, "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)." To give clarity Jesus Christ gives us an example of GOD the Father's Provision. Jesus Christ compares how He provides for the birds of the air, how they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much more better than they (Matthew 6: 26). Jesus Christ goes on to say why worry; which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature (Matthew 6: 27). This statement by Jesus Christ lets us know that humans are fragile, and incapable of doing anything without the help of Jesus Christ who is GOD. Jesus Christ says, "And why take ye thoughts for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these (Matthew 6: 28-29)." It is GOD who provides what is necessary for the lilies to grow and to develop; GOD is responsible for their beauty. In the same way GOD who invests such care to the lilies is the same heavenly Father who created and cares for us humans. So it is important to note that GOD the Father is the GOD of provision: 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)? So, why worry, when GOD the Father provides for us humans: Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat or, what shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seeks) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things (Matthew 6: 31-32).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **Kingdom Living: The Remedy for Materialism (Matthew 6: 33-34)**

Living in the Kingdom of GOD has priorities: First priority is that we are to seek the Kingdom of GOD first; and not the worldly things, for the worldly things has less value.

Second priority is to seek HIS (GOD'S) righteousness, this is to seek what GOD wants in the world in an effort to make the world right, in order to bring heaven to earth by being the salt and light in which Jesus Christ spoke of; then will all these things be added unto you; clothe, food, and drinks, that is talked about in verses 31 and 32 of Matthew chapter six (Matthew 6: 33). Jesus Christ said for us humans not to take 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). We are to live day by day because each day will include some measure of evil or tragic or, unpleasant circumstances. This is why we must set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth (Read Colossians 3: 2).

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Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) **Trust GOD and lean not to your own understandings.**
- 2) **There is only one KING in the Kingdom of GOD, Serve HIM only.**
- 3) **Understand that humans are fragile and weak, and cannot add one cubit to his statues.**
- 4) **Seek ye first the Kingdom of GOD and HIS righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.**
- 5) **Do not worry about what you will wear are what you should eat, and drink.**
- 6) **GOD the Father is our provision; HE shall provide for us.**