

Monday, 6 June 2016

Matthew 6:24

*"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

*Mark 12:29-30 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'*

If that does not rule out any attempt to rule to have another master other than the LORD, God the Almighty, I can't imagine what it might be.

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Tuesday, 7 June 2016

Matthew 6:25

*"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"*

My problem, Lord, is that when I focus at the food and clothing level, my concerns are centered on the transient, not on the eternal. Yes, food and clothing are necessary but not of overriding importance. Help me to keep up my spiritual eyes on the immediacy of the Kingdom, always trusting in Your providence for the material.

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Wednesday, 8 June 2016

Matthew 6:26

*Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"*

Yes, I am of more value than a sparrow, but to totally trust You is to require that I completely bury self. Sometimes, the driving malevolent force is my compulsion to be independent--I want to do it myself.

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Forgive me, Lord, transform me into a being that always displays the knowledge that You highly value me and have proved it by your sacrifice on my behalf.

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Thursday, 9 June 2016

Matthew 6:27

*And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?"*

Anxiety does not accomplish anything! Repeat after me, John, anxiety does not accomplish anything. Got it? Repeat frequently as necessary, followed by repeating His promise to never leave me nor forsake me.

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Friday, 10 June 2016

Matthew 6:28-29

*And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

I remember passing a field of wild lupine in Maine, years ago. Vivid colors--blue, red, magenta. Intense! But when I read the various descriptions of the Throne Room, the words that come to mind are just that--intense, vivid, brilliant, perhaps overwhelming comes closest.

This is the way I am arrayed in the LORD, God the Almighty's eyes; as one of the bright filaments that displays His glory. What should I care about how the world sees me?

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Saturday, 11 June 2016

Matthew 6:30

*But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"*

Is my Lord implying that my faith is smaller than a

mustard seed? Obviously so, if my overarching concern focuses on the material rather than the transcendent.

Lord, lead me put of a life characterized by worry and anxiety into one characterized by faith in Your promises.

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*Lord's Day, 12 June 2016*

*Psalm 119:10*

*With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!*

If my driving purpose is to seek You and You alone, You will keep me within that region controlled by Your Word, i.e., the Kingdom of Heaven. What comfort!

# *VOICES TOGETHER*

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*June 6-12, 2016*

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.\*

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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\*LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.