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Text of the Lesson, Matt. vi, 19-34.  
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Our Lord has been talking about re-  
wards here in this present time from  
men; contrasted with rewards here-  
after in the kingdom, and now He con-  
trasts treasure on earth, which may  
perish or be stolen, with treasure in  
heaven, which endures forever, dura-  
ble riches. If we lay up only for our-  
selves we may become rich in this  
world, but not rich toward God (Luke  
xii, 19-21). We are everywhere warn-  
ed against the danger of this world's  
riches. "Labor not to be rich;" "He  
that maketh haste to be rich shall not  
be innocent;" "Trust not in uncertain  
riches, but in the Living God" (Prov.  
xxiii, 4; xxviii, 20; 1 Tim. vi, 9, 17).  
To the majority of people these are  
foolish and impractical sayings, and a  
little hard cash is far more to them  
than the Living God. But our Lord is  
here speaking to believers, to whom  
it is also written in Col. iii, 2, "Set  
your affection on things above, not on  
things on the earth." Yet there are  
many in the pulpit as well as in the  
pews to whom dollars are more real  
than God.

The eye affects the heart, and the  
heart walks after the eyes (Lam. iii,  
51; Job xxxi, 7), so that unless we are  
looking in the right direction we will  
not walk in the right direction. We  
cannot serve God and gold, or God and  
the world, or God and the devil, for all  
that is in the world—the lust of the  
flesh and the lust of the eyes and the  
pride of life—is not of the Father, but  
is of the world, and the whole world  
lieth in the wicked one (1 John ii, 16-  
17, 19, R. V.). God is looking for those  
whose hearts are whole toward Him,  
which means that we must see up one  
but Jesus only (11 Chron. xvi, 9).

Then people say: "Prayer won't feed  
you; religion won't provide bread and  
butter. It is all very well to talk good,  
but I've got to earn my living." We  
do not wonder to hear the world talk  
so, for the world is blind and dead to  
God and the things of God, but the  
words of our lesson are for believers—  
the redeemed of the Lord. Do they  
talk in reference to business as if the  
Lord did not care, as if all depended  
upon their own efforts and they must  
put forth every effort with all earnest-  
ness or they will never get on? Ask  
Christian business men and you will  
find that not a few will tell you that  
business cannot be done on Bible prin-  
ciples. But there are those—and I per-  
sonally know some of them—in vari-  
ous lines of business—who testify that  
Matt. vi, 33, stands true even in busi-  
ness relations, and some of them can  
testify that even in the financial straits  
of the past two years they have not  
felt the hard times. Five times in  
the closing verses of our lesson we  
hear the admonition not to be anxious  
(verses 25, 27, 28, 31, 34, R. V.), and  
they are the words of Him who created  
all things and upholds all things  
by His power. He stoops from the  
things we cannot comprehend to talk  
to us of birds and flowers and on an  
other occasion speaks of even spar-  
rows, saying "Are not two sparrows  
sold for a farthing? And one of them  
shall not fall on the ground without  
your Father" (chapter x, 29). On that  
occasion, however, He was speaking  
of His care of our bodies in preserving  
them from death, while in this lesson  
He is speaking of the food and rai-  
ment essential to the health of these  
mortal bodies. Apart from Him in  
whom we live and move and have  
our being no amount of anxious care  
and toil on our part can obtain the  
necessary food, raiment or pro-  
long our days. Does not He who gave  
us life care for us enough to prolong  
it as long as it pleaseth Him to do so,  
and as to raiment, what father is he  
who will not see that his children are  
becomingly clothed? Do not miss the  
contrast between the clothing of the  
lilies of the field and the clothing of  
Solomon in all his glory. His, how-  
ever grand, was all put on, but the  
lily's beauty is part of itself. The  
work within us is the chief thing—the  
ornament of a meek and quiet spirit,  
a heart right with God, is the great  
essential. Then He will surely care  
for the minor matters, for He knoweth  
what things we have need of. The  
contrast between Jew and gentile in  
verse 32 brings before us all His won-  
derous care of Israel from the day that  
He brought them out of Egypt—the  
difference which He put in so many  
ways between His own people and  
the Egyptians, and then all through  
the wilderness journey the food from  
heaven, the water from the rock, the  
pillar of cloud and fire and all His  
manifold mercies. He is the same un-  
changing Jesus, and He will not do  
less for His church, His own body.

We are here to give the gospel to  
all and thus seek His kingdom by seek-  
ing to complete His body in order that  
His kingdom may come. If we as His  
redeemed make this our first business  
He will see to all our need. Let us  
obey Phil. iv, 6, and 1 Pet. v, 7, and  
we will surely prove His faithfulness.  
The remedy for all anxiety is found  
in Phil. iv, 6, 7, and 1 Pet. v, 7. And  
in John xiv, 1, 27, with Matt. xiv, 6,  
we are forbidden to be troubled. The  
same confidence in our Father in heav-  
en which we desire our children to  
have in us will give that quietness and  
confidence which are our privilege, but  
how necessary the admonition "Have  
faith in God."

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