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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Do you Worry? It is sinful!

Matthew 6:25 - 34

We might say that it is natural to worry, and it is, but it is still a lack of faith in the Lord. God said, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1 This is not a definition of faith, but a description of what faith does and how it works. The definition of the word faith is, *persuasion, that is, credence; moral conviction*, it is our conviction in God. Our faith is how strong we believe in God, how strong we trust God in our life, for our daily needs. Look what God said in the previous chapter. Hebrews 10:22 - 23 *"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"* As Christians, our growing closer to trusting God in faith, is trusting Him even though we can not see the end result. The Lord said, *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering"* We not only trust God for our daily needs but also our daily walk, our Christian walk, we should trust God in every single aspect of our life. Our faith defines our conviction in God, it is our personal gauge of how much we trust God. God said, *"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?"* Matthew 6:27 The word "stature" is talking about your height or age as defined by most, but it does carry the definition of "maturity" which could tell us that our age in the Lord or maturity in the life. If God is as the bible explains, and if we trust God as the bible explains, then what part of our life can we change? If God is Omniscient, then there is nothing that God does not know about your life. If God has ordered our life, and He has, then what part of our life should we not trust Him for. The greatest faith of a Christian is the one who trust God the most. God said, *"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? (31) Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?"* Matthew 6:30 - 31 This does not mean that we get lazy and just trust God, God told us to work, He told us to live our life, but to trust Him for the maturity of your life. Listen to this example, *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* 2 Timothy 2:15 But the bible is a revelation of the Holy Spirit. However, God promised if you study He will increase our knowledge of the word of truth. However, if one fails to study your not

going to increase your knowledge. But we still trust God to teach us and give us knowledge and understanding of His word. Faith, real faith is trusting God in all things. *“God said, For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”* James 4:15 We are to trust God for tomorrow and every other day, if God feeds the birds, then God will most certainly feed and cloth us, His children. So, our gauge of our faith is how much do we trust God? God said, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (34) 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 6:33 - 34 What did God mean when He said, *“and all these things shall be added unto you.”* God said, you seek the things needed for God’s kingdom and you seek His righteousness, and your increase in life will be added as God gives it. Folks, worry is sin, it’s a lack of trust in God. Don’t worry about tomorrow, pray about tomorrow. If God supplies all of creation, He can and will supply our life needs. Our thoughts need to be on seeking God’s righteousness and not sinfully worrying about things we cannot change. *“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (6) So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”* Hebrews 13:5 - 6

“ Is Christ Your Lord?”

By Arthur Pink

We do not ask: Is Christ your "Savior"—but is He, really and truly, your Lord? If He is not your Lord, then He is most certainly not your "Savior." Those who have not received Christ Jesus as their "Lord" and yet suppose Him to be their "Savior," are deluded, and their hope rests on a foundation of sand. Multitudes are deceived on this vital point, and therefore, if the reader values his or her soul, we implore you to give a most careful reading to this little tract. When we ask, is Christ your Lord? we do not inquire, Do you believe in the Godhead of Jesus of Nazareth? The demons do that (Mat 8:28-29) and yet perish notwithstanding! You may be firmly convinced of the Deity of Christ, and yet be in your sins. You may speak of Him with the utmost reverence, accord Him, His divine titles in your prayers and yet be unsaved. You may abominate those who traduce His person and deny His divinity, and yet have no spiritual love for Him at all. When we ask, Is Christ your Lord, we mean, does He in very deed occupy the throne of your heart, and does He actually rule over your life? "We have turned everyone to his own way" (Isa 53:6) describes the course which we all follow by nature. Before conversion every soul lives to please self. Of old it was written, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes," and why? "In those days there was no King in Israel" (Judges 21:25). Ah! that is the point we desire to make clear to the reader. Until Christ becomes your King (1 Timothy 1:17; Rev 15:3), until you bow to His scepter, until His will becomes the rule of your life, self dominates, and thus Christ is disowned.

God rules all!

By John Newton 1774

“For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. (6) Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.” Psalms 135:5 - 6 God rules all! And though He is concealed by a veil of second causes from common eyes, so that they can perceive only the means, instruments, and contingencies by which he works, and therefore think He does nothing; yet, in reality, He does all, according to His own counsel and pleasure, in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth.

Church Announcements:

Thank you to our Great Lord for a blessed Bible Conference, to our speakers, our church membership, and to everyone else involved. **Blessed be the name of the Lord!** Psalms 113:2 *“Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.”*