

Find Something Else to Worry About

Matt 6:24-34 (NRSV) - 24 "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 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? 27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Matthew 6:24-34, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic is "Find Something Else to Worry About."

The word Christ in Greek means is pronounced "Christos" meaning the anointed one. In the Old Testament, generally priests; especially high priests, were anointed with oil as a visible symbol of the acceptance of their spiritual service. But in the New Testament "Christ" refers specifically to Jesus to denote His status as the only one whom God has anointed and appointed "high priest" and Savior of mankind. I "Thank God" for a Savior who saved us from our sin. *1 John 8-10 says If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. Now the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Jesus Christ is God's payment for our debt of sin, and if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior then we are cleansed through the blood of Jesus, which is the lamb that was slain for us. (Tell somebody, "Thank God for Forgiveness of Sin). Thank God for His Grace and Mercy!!! As I slept last night; and even as I woke up this morning, I like you realized that there are some circumstances, situations, issues, pains, struggles, mishaps, setbacks, shortcomings, problematics, obstacles in my way, some tears, brokenness, aches, injuries, embarrassments, unknowns, etc., etc. etc. that we all have to deal with in life, but there is a witness in my spirit this morning that we must all*

find something else to worry about.

I found out that no matter what happens in life; God is still going to be God, He will still sit on the throne. Jesus will still be at His right hand, and that the Lord will never leave us nor forsake us.

You may be reading this message today and can testify that you've gone through struggles and may have experienced what many would call a blended family. I want you to know that you can look at the home where God placed His son Jesus. This was a blended family. How do we know it? Because according to Matt. 13:55-56, Jesus had four brothers and several sisters. God was Jesus' Father; but Joseph was his stepfather. I need you to understand that the home where Jesus was placed was a home where **God was honored.**

- **God was honored** - How do we know this?

Luke 2:41 teaches us that "Every Year the Parents of Jesus went to the Feast of Passover." Going to the house of God and worshipping with others were expected family activities in Jesus' day. Please notice that the verse says "EVERY YEAR". **There was no question such as, "Well, do you think we ought to go to church this time?"** I don't know, the Capernaum Redskins are competing against the Palestine Cowboys for the NFL championship (that's the Nazarene Football Association). And I was thinking, maybe we ought to let the boy see the game this year. You know that all of his friends will be watching it. **There was no "Honey, over at the Galilee Mall they're having a Super Sabbath Sale, (Everything is 30% Off and the Sandals are Buy 1 Get 1 half off), and I was wondering, would you mind if I miss the service.** *Every time the Saints met; God was honored. And church wasn't something that started when the boy became old enough to understand and make a decision for himself. You know some of us have become confused. You don't give Junior a choice about going to school. Why would you give him a choice about going to church?* The bible teaches us that Jesus' parents took him to the temple to observe the religious custom of circumcision when he was a week old. They positioned him in the precincts of the holy from the time he could be carried outside of his house. **His home was a place where God was honored.** I believe they heard about the faithfulness of the Old Testament prophets. I believed that they heard the teaching of David's worship in Psalms. Then Jesus teaches us lessons in life: through the woman at the well, Blind Bartemaeus' recovery of sight, and the woman who blessed the Lord through the ministry of giving. (she gave all that she had).

- **Jesus is a Healer** (You might have pain in your body.)

There was a man that was at the pool of Bethesda for 38 long years. In John 5:1-9

In Jerusalem there is a pool with five covered porches, which is called Bethzatha in the Hebrew language. Many sick people were lying on the porches beside the pool. **Some were blind, some were crippled, and some were paralyzed.** A man was lying there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw the man and knew that he had been sick for such a long time, Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be well?"

The sick man answered, "Sir, there is no one to help me get into the pool when the water starts moving. While I am coming to the water, someone else always gets in before me." ⁸ Then Jesus said, "Stand up. Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹ And immediately the man was well; he picked up his mat and began to walk.

- **Jesus can be the Lord of Your Life**

You may have automobile problems. You've taken it to the mechanic and found out that there's something wrong with the wheels. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** Jesus is the wheel in the middle of the wheel. You may feel that you've been broken, abused, and that the storms of life are ragging. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** Jesus can put you back together again and speak to the storms of life saying "Peace, Be Thou Still." At times in Life, You may feel all alone. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** Jesus said, "I'll never leave you, nor forsake you. You've been concerned about the job and how you're going to pay your bills. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** The Lord will Supply All of your Need, According to His Riches in Glory. (Phil. 4:9) You may have received a dismal doctor report. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** I won't you to know that Jesus is the Doctor in the Sick Room. You may have pain in your body. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!**

In closing, honor God. Jesus is a healer, and He can be the Lord of your life. In the midst of life or what may seem to be a confusing situation – turn your cares over to the Lord Jesus. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** Our God Giveth the Power to Make You Well. You may have found yourself on the wrong side of the law. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** But I've come to understand that Jesus is our lawyer in the courtroom. He's never lost a case. Every now and then you may feel like you can't get out of the rat race. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** But this race isn't given to the swift or the quick, but unto him/her that endures until the end. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** You may feel broke, busted and disgusted. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** I believe it was Kirk Franklin that said You'll feel So Much Better When You Smile. You may be concerned with church growth. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** How to reach the masses, those of every birth, for an answer Jesus gave the key. And Jesus, if Jesus be lifted up from the earth He'll draw all humanity unto

Him. You may feel like you're going through a hot trial. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** Trouble don't last always. You may have been crying. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** Weeping May Endure for a Night, But Joy---- Cometh in the Morning. You may feel that you're struggling in life. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** You can declare, I've been young and now am old, but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed beggin' bread. You may feel disconnected and lost. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, that Saved a Wretch like me, I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. You may feel that you've been mistreated. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** I want to encourage you today. Hold On. Don't You Give Up. Trust God. And as the biblical account of **Amos 5:24**, But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!** God will make a Way, Won't he Make a Way. **Find something Else to Worry About!!!**