

Matthew 6:25-34

The Only Thing to Fear is.....

We cannot escape it...100 years from now most of us will be _____. Yet, there are times when those things that surround us make it even a bit more frightening. Given our current circumstances, there is a general anxiety and, even a panic, that is overwhelming us. In the face of uncertainty, there is a source that is _____ and unchanging. Have you been there? We evangelicals proclaim we believe it's inerrancy, it's infallibility, its enduring truth, but how about _____? Go to the OT and find the Psalms where Jehovah protects and provides. You can go to the NT and find a man who clearly struggled with anxiety. He was walking on water with Jesus but failed. Jesus had to rebuke him at one point because he drew a _____ to protect Him. Peter worried about many things but once He really got to know _____ it changed him. I Peter 5:7.

I. Don't Worry: You have a _____.

Jesus says, "if you are already worrying, _____ and don't start it again." The concept of life here is the _____ of a person's being. Here in the West, we don't think much about our next meal.

Jesus, in this passage, is clearly delineating the difference between a _____ and a believer. After all, He cares for the _____. Do you think He loves them more than _____?

II. Don't Worry: You Have a _____

He continues this thought regarding a pagan and a believer. The two philosophies about life are _____. The pagan worries because that's all he has to do. The believer worries and it is _____ because we _____ His _____, _____. Did you know the word "worry" is from an old German word that means "to _____, _____?"

Worry is the opposite of _____. When we worry, what we are saying to all, even ourselves, is that we trust God BUT, in _____, we are _____.

John MacArthur recently commented: "All worry assumes that either God is not there or He does not care or that God is there and does care but can't do anything about it because He lacks the power. He is either unaware, indifferent or impotent."

III. Don't Worry: You Have a _____

We also must not worry about the _____, given what He has told us in the previous verses. For us to allow worry, anxiety, to choke out, to strangle our thoughts, reveals not the heart of a fully devoted follower but the heart of a _____.

This verse commands us to focus on our duty today. God promises His grace is sufficient or today, for tomorrow, for eternity and that's enough.