

Tomorrow is Taken Care of...

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34).

"How will I pay that bill at the end of the month?" "How am I going to pass that test on Friday?" "How am I going to accomplish that immense task at work next week?" "What about my kid's future?" "Our health reports this year are they going to come back normal?" These questions might haunt you in the moments of stillness and silence... As I am sure you know by way of experience, it is the worries of tomorrow that often attempt to steal the joy and peace of today. But how can one guard against worrying? How do you see the future in faith and not in frantic? How do you worry less in a society that seems to make worrying "the new thing to do?"

Well, let me point you to Jesus' words in Matthew 6:34... Now you can read this verse and even memorize this verse, which I hope you do. But have you ever viewed this verse from Jesus' perspective? Have you ever thought about what it meant for Jesus to "not be anxious about tomorrow" in His own earthly life?

Think about it... Jesus, the God-Man had somewhat of a vision and knowledge of what His future was going to be like. He knew that His main purpose of living was to come and die for our sins as our Savior (Mark 9:30-31). Yet, although His "tomorrow" was a very brutal one... A tomorrow, that consisted of being betrayed by one of His followers. Abandoned by His closest friends and beaten, scourged, mocked, and eventually crucified by the very ones that He created. We have to wonder did Jesus let the fears and anxiety of tomorrow negatively affect His present ministry? If anyone had the right to worry about tomorrow, it would be Jesus...

Jesus most certainly had feelings... He felt the weight and anxiety that came with bearing the sins of His people. But I am convinced that our chief example in all things gave His "tomorrow" to the Father. Like Jesus would say one day at the cross, in a sense He made a practice of saying every day: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46).

Is this something you need to say? Do you need to quit worrying about tomorrow and focus on the gift of today? No matter how dark you think your "tomorrow" might be, Jesus' teaching and life tell us that you can trust the Father to take care of it. And if the Lord has already taken care of tomorrow, which He has through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Why are you still worrying? Trust God with today, tomorrow, and forevermore!

*"Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand."*

Respect the Blood,
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