

OVERHEARD IN AN ORCHARD

“Said the Robin to the Sparrow,

‘I should really like to know why these anxious
human beings rush about and worry so!’”

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,

‘Friend, I think that it must be that they have no
heavenly Father such as cares for you and me.’ ”

- Elizabeth Cheney



ONE AWESOME SERMON: LARKS AND LILIES

Matthew 6:25-34



“Therefore” Check the context.

We were just commanded to major in eternal things.
We were warned of the frail nature of temporal things
and their inability to truly satisfy.
We also received warning about material possession's
desire to rule over us. In that light...



“DO NOT WORRY”

There are bigger things in life than food and drink?

Yep. Not that they aren't important, but we have a Father who loves us. So don't worry.

“Look at the birds”



VS. 26

“Are you not much more valuable than
(the birds of the air)?

A huge statement made by the One who created all things, assigning superior value to human life. While a Godless culture would argue that, it is consistent with what we read in God’s word. (Gen. 1:26-27)

Again, Jesus has no opinions – only truth

THE FRUITLESSNESS OF WORRY

“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”

In fairness, worry is not powerless!

“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength – carrying two days at once...Worrying doesn’t empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.” – Corrie Ten Boom

LEARNING FROM THE LILIES

The hillsides are covered with the lilies of the field – and perhaps the same principle is mirrored on the canvas of autumn leaves and sunrises/sets.

Every petal on every flower.

Every leaf on every tree.

Every stunning and subtle shade across the sky.

And the Father says, “You think I can’t clothe you?”



THERE HE GOES AGAIN...

Once again, Jesus goes straight to the heart of the matter, and straight to our hearts in the process:

Worry is a faith issue.

The presence of one reveals the other's lack.

And an obedience issue...

HUMBLE PIE, ANYONE?

To paraphrase the Master:

When you worry, you're acting like a pagan.

Besides, your heavenly Father knows!

He is Jehovah Jireh Gen. 22

He can afford it Ps. 50:9-11

He is not stingy Matt. 7:11; James 1:17; Rom. 8:32



VSS. 33-34

The fix to the 'bug' of worry?

“Seek first HIS Kingdom...”

Our kingdoms perish, spoil & fade. Hence the worry

HIS Kingdom is eternal. No worry necessary



Still worried?

Maybe it's a good time to revisit the Lord's
prayer