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Prayer

Freedom Prayer

We provide a prayer opportunity for anyone who feels the need for increased freedom and personal breakthrough in their lives. You will be walked through a process of Freedom Prayer by 2 or 3 of our trained Ministry Team Members.

Come with an expectant and receptive heart for the Lord to powerfully minister to you!

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<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



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Regen, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Re-gen, for 18 to 30s, meets here at Harborview on the second and fourth Sunday's beginning at 5:30pm.

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Small Groups

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4819 Hunt Street NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

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Women

Prepare Him Room Vitrual Event

Prepare Him Room with Kelly Minter. We'll gather at 9am for fellowship with coffee, tea and some sweet breakfast treats with the simulcast from 9:30-11am. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or holiday attire. \$10* to register. *tax included



Introduction Video

[Prepare Him Room 2025 with Kelly Minter | Lifeway](#)

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/501/responses>

CHOOSE WHO YOU WILL SERVE

*INTRODUCTION

* **Matthew 6:24–34** (NKJV) “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. . . . * 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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v. 24

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*No One Can Serve Two Masters

- God’s Kingdom is not an employment opportunity but a subject-sovereign context.
- You can work for two employers, but you can serve only one master.

*The Inevitable Outcome

- You will love one and despise the other.
- You cannot serve both God and Mammon. (Mammon introduced)

*Understanding Mammon

- * **Definition**: The word *mammonas* (μαμωνᾶς) is a Greek transliteration of an Aramaic word (*mamona*) that simply meant “wealth,” “property,” or “that in which one trusts.”
- Jewish literature (such as found in the Dead Sea Scrolls) depicts Mammon as an evil spirit or a demonic power that leads people into unrighteousness and away from God.
- * **Personified**: Mammon is not just an abstract idea; it embodies a specific spiritual entity, a demonic being.

- Jesus's words, "You cannot serve God and mammon," utilize the language of lordship and service (*douleuein*), framing Mammon as a rival master with its own demands for allegiance. (Similar to Satan in Jesus' temptations)
- **This personification points** to a reality beyond abstract materialism, but to spiritual warfare and the personification of evil spirits.
- ***O.T. Similarity:** Genesis 4:7 (NKJV) states: *"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*
- Genesis 4:7 describes Cain about to interface with demonic temptation.
 - Sin is personified as a predatory creature crouching at the door, and its "desire is for Cain."
 - This personification of sin aligns with the biblical understanding that temptation most often originates from a personified spiritual adversary.
- ***Other Instances:**
 - Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and Jesus during His temptation. Each time, the temptation was presented by Satan. (*Both instances to enhance life*)
 - Acts 5 Peter addresses Ananias and Sapphira with the question, *"Why has Satan filled your heart to lie?"* (*Again, a Mammon-like temptation*)
 - In the previous and other instances, Satan and his minions are actively engaged in the temptation and in establishing lordship.
- Back to Matthew 6, Jesus portrays Mammon not just as a concept but as a demonic being, a principality that aims to rival God as the ultimate master of lives.
- ***Theologically:** The theological understanding is that Mammon is:
 - 1) a principality,
 - 2) a high-ranking spiritual power that governs the systems of the world devoted to *greed, covetousness, and material security*.
- ***The Sphere:** Mammon's domain is the economic and cultural structures that encourage idolatry of wealth. This spirit:
 - **Deceives:** Promising security and fulfillment that only God can provide.
 - **Subjugates:** Creating anxiety and continuous striving, making people feel insecure and fearful.
 - **Blinds:** The self-sufficiency, futile existence, independence of God.
 - **Corrupts:** He leads people into bondage and heinous sin.
- Craig S. Keener in his commentary on Matthew states: *"Mammon," translated Money in the NIV, was a common Aramaic term for money or property (Flusser 1988:153), but its contrast with God as an object of service here suggests that it has been deified as well as personified (compare Sirach 34:7). Matthew (vol. 1; The IVP New Testament Commentary Series; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997), Mt 6:24.*

***THE COMMAND REGARDING WORRY**

vs. 25

Matthew 6:25 (NKJV) *“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”*

***The Command: “Do not worry.”**

- The grammatical structure for this verb is present tense, active voice, and imperative mood.
- This means that you are commanded to continuously take responsibility to not worry. TO WORRY IS SIN.

***The Objects**

- Life (food/drink) and the body (clothing).

***The Reason**

- Life is more than these temporal provisions for your life.

***GOD’S CHARACTER**

vss. 26-30

God’s Care for His Lesser Creation

vs. 26

Matthew 6:26 (NKJV) *Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

- Birds don’t sow or reap, yet the Father feeds them.
- You are of greater value!

***The Futility of Worry**

vs. 27

Matthew 6:27 (NKJV) *Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?*

- Anxiety cannot add an inch to your stature or an hour to your life.
- Yet it steals your sleep, health, joy, and peace.

***God’s Care for His Fields**

vss. 28-30

***Matthew 6:28–30 (NKJV)** *“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the*

grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

- Without labor, the grasses of the field are adorned with flowers of the fields.
- Their glory surpasses Solomon's.
- God clothes the temporary grass; will He not much more clothe you?

*THE REAL ISSUE – FAITH OR . . . v. 31-32

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*The Unbeliever's Way

- The way of the world, the Gentiles or unbelievers and pagans seek after these things.
 - Practical atheism or agnosticism.
 - They are continually concerned about what to eat, drink, and wear.
 - They are occupied with such concerns!

*The Believer's Way

- Your Heavenly Father *knows* you need the temporal things of this world.
 - He not only knows of your needs, but He cares about you and your needs.
 - Worry assaults God's character!

*THE KINGDOM WAY vss. 33-34

The Kingdom Command – The Promise vs. 33

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

*The Command

- “*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*” is again a command as to how we are to conduct ourselves continuously.
- We are to seek and to advance God's kingdom.
 - This is to be the objective of our lives!
- We are to pursue God's righteousness.
 - This is right living and standing according to God's will and His kingdom culture.

*The Promise

- “And all these things will be added to you” is God’s promise to His kingdom.
 - “God assumes responsibility for your needs as you assume responsibility for His priorities.”

*The Kingdom Application vs. 34

Matthew 6:34 (NKJV) *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

*The final command

- “Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow...”
 - This reiterates the command not to worry!

*The wisdom

- Tomorrow will have its own worries.
- Trusting God is a daily exercise, not a one-time decision.

APPLICATION

1. *Choose God or Mammon.

- By Jesus stating, “You cannot serve God and Mammon,” Jesus presents mammon as more than an object or metaphor to a spiritual master.
 - Mammon promises security but creates anxiety.
 - Mammon demands total devotion, convincing you that your life consists in the abundance of your possessions.
 - Mammon blinds you to God’s provision, your dependence on God, steals your true purpose in life, and fosters the illusion of self-sufficiency.
- Jesus presents the most fundamental choice: to serve the living God who gives all things, or to serve Satan through the principality of mammon that ultimately consumes its worshipers.
- To whom have you devoted and entrusted yourself to, the principality of Mammon or God?
- This choice is not a minor spiritual issue; it is the foundation of a life oriented either toward God’s Kingdom or toward the kingdom of this world.

2. *Live with an eternal perspective.

- Are you living for the things of this temporal world, or are you set on eternity?
 - It can be good things with the wrong perspective and priority.

- What occupies your heart, time, and money? Where and how do you invest?
3. *War against Mammon.
- Are you living under its bondage? Have you given him access or jurisdiction to your life? He:
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