

“Don’t Get Squeezed: Kingdom Alternatives to Worry”

Luke 12:22-34



1. The Input To Kingdom Dwellers (22-23)

- a. Divine authority (22a) - "And He said to His disciples, "Therefore I tell you..."
- b. Divine permission (22b) - "...do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on."
- c. Divine summary (23) - "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing."

2. The Uplift For Kingdom Dwellers (24-28)

- a. You are loved (24) - "Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you thn the birds!"
- b. You are limited (25-26) - "And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?"
- c. You are liberated (27-28) - "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith!"

3. The Outflow From Kingdom Dwellers (28-34)

- a. A command to obey (29-30) - "And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them."
- b. A purpose to cherish (31) - "Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you."
- c. A promise to treasure (32) - "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
- d. A change to embrace (33) - "Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys."
- e. A truth to believe (34) - "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."