

I Have Heard ALL of That Before

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LUKE 12:22-34

Intro. [A] This sermon title is not meant to insult or ridicule anyone.

1. It probably is a true statement about most of vs.
2. My desire is that you not only hear but that you respond to it and do as it teaches.
3. The blessings are only to those who, "hear and do."

[B] The context is all important.

- Vs. 13 1. An unnamed man made a serious request of Jesus.
- Vs. 14 2. Jesus answered and rebuked him.
- Vs. 15 3. He said to all (then), "beware of Covetousness".
- Vs. 16-20 4. He then speaks the parable of the Rich man.
5. He also urges them to not lay up treasure for themselves at the expense of impoverishing themselves spiritually.

I. Jesus Urged His Disciples Not To Be Burdened with an undue concern about wealth.

[A] "And he said unto his disciples."

Vs. 22 1. "thought (take up)" = $\mu\epsilon\pi\lambda\mu\nu\acute{\alpha}\omega$ = "to be full of anxiety which divides up and distracts the mind", "to be full of cares", "anxious", "to be full of distracting care."

Vs. 23 2. Two things are named, food and clothing.

[B] They should trust God for food.

Vs. 24 1. "consider the Raven..." $\kappa\alpha\tau\alpha\nu\omicron\epsilon\acute{\omega}$ = "to perceive or discern distinctly or clearly", "to understand"

2. They do not use burns. Vs. 18

3. People are more important than birds.

Vs. 30 & 4. God knows our needs. He created us. ☺

B. The true object of their search should be ^{His} Kingdom.
Vs. 31 1. "...seek ye the Kingdom of God".
2. "all these things shall be added unto you".

C. It is God's will to give them the Kingdom.
Vs. 32 1. "Dismiss your fears..." - Wey
2. "good pleasure" = εὐδοκίω = The good and right thing is understood and stress is laid on the resolve to see it accomplished.

III. The Advice of Jesus To These Jewish Disciples.

A. As believers in Him, they had confessed Him Before men.
1. This would bring them persecution or perhaps death. In the face of this they should make disposition of their wealth.
Vs. 33 2. This would give them treasure in heaven.

B. An eternal truth for all who embrace the Kingdom of God.
Vs. 34 1. We all treasure something.
2. Our love and energy will then flow toward this treasure.