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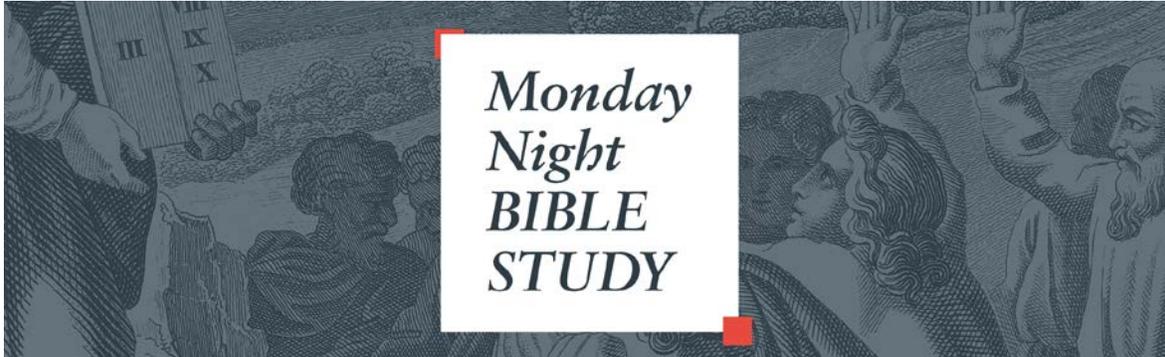
Matthew 6:24-34

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There are two different ways of doing power - the world's way and God's way. Both are very different. One way the world uses power is through money. The world trusts in money to get their needs met. But Jesus shows us in Matthew 6:24-34 that we can trust God as our source of supply. And Jesus says that God can be trusted to meet our needs because He's faithful over all His creation.

In Matthew 6:24-34 Jesus is looking around and sees all the worry. Why does He see people so worried about their needs? They were being ruled over by Rome. Many were poor. If that weren't bad enough, they were often forced to pay high taxes to Rome. This caused them to be afraid. So He does a teaching on prayer for the purpose of comparing and contrasting the way the world gets things done and the way God gets things done. In other words, Jesus is doing more than showing us how to pray, He's opening our eyes to see the difference between the world and the kingdom. Jesus came to bring in the kingdom and show us how it works. He does that by challenging and comparing the world's way with God's way. But what triggers Jesus to do a teaching on prayer in order to compare the kingdom with the world? It was their fear over a lack of money. And through this teaching, He's going to spend a lot of time trying to convince them that there's no need to worry.

Matthew 6:25 says, "Therefore, stop continually worrying." We see that they are in a constant state of worry. They are worried about not having enough money. What does this worry mean? What does it expose about them? The answer is in the previous verse. You serve what you fear. God promised to provide money so that we wouldn't serve it through fear. Stop being continually afraid. (v25) He knows what you need (v32) We think these verses are talking about rich people – that they love their money and are afraid of losing it. That might be true of some rich people. Some might love their money and are afraid of losing it. But that is not what this is saying. What Jesus is revealing to us is that you can worship money even when you don't have a dime to your name. He is exposing their faulty belief that money is their source of supply. Jesus knows this because they are afraid of not having enough money. Fear of money puts you as a servant to it. Jesus now has to teach them that God is their source.



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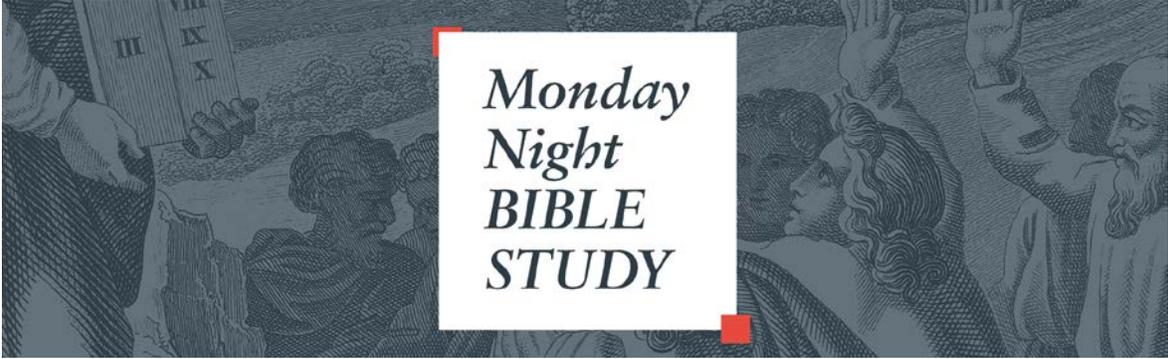
Jesus gives us a few reasons why we can trust God to be our source of supply. The first reason is in Matthew 6:32 which says that the pagans chase after money to get their needs met. Yet God doesn't use money to meet the needs of birds. Why do we think He has to use money to meet our needs? God can provide for us in a million ways outside of money – so why chase after money as if that's our one and only way to survive? Maybe instead of seeking money, we should seek to understand the kingdom more (v33)

Matthew 6:26 – God takes care of the birds. When we worry about our needs, we're living beneath the animals. If God takes care of the lesser things, then He'll certainly take care of us.

It's important to consider God's care for everything. It will build your confidence in His faithfulness. Seeking the kingdom is to look at all of creation, how faithfully God sustains it, and from that discover what it means to have God as your source of supply. "Look" at creation. He's not just asking us to consider what He's saying for the moment. He's telling us to do this as a regular practice.

Psalms 104 - David notices in detail how God faithfully looks after His creation and mentions how we are also part of the creation that God will faithfully look after. David focuses on God's faithfulness over His creation. And then He sings praises to Him. David's meditation is pleasing to Him as He rejoices over God's faithfulness to His creation. In other words, if you're a part of this world, simply trust in the creator and He'll provide.

God knows we need things for life even before we ask. Therefore, He's not taken off guard. He's already stored up supplies for us.



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