

DOXOLOGICAL COUNSELING

Instructing Worshipers to the Praise and Glory of God

CLASS 4 - THE ROLE OF FAITH IN WORSHIP

Review

Faith in God permeates all true worship of God. Worship that is pleasing to God cannot take place apart from faith. Believing God is what produces our initial and ongoing worshipful responses to Him. True worship requires real faith.

Faith permeates true worship in both salvation and sanctification

ROMANS 1:5, 16-17; 3:25; 5:1; 11:33-12:2; 14:23

HEBREWS 11

Counseling Case Study: Anxiety (Matthew 6)

Summary: In order to possess true, God-honoring righteousness, the practical righteousness that begins at the heart-level, one must do his deeds before God, prioritizing heavenly, future rewards rather than earthly, temporal esteem and wealth (5:20, 48; 6:1, 19-24).

How does Jesus diagnose the problem of anxiety (worry)?

1. A lack of faith (i.e. faithless concern; concern without faith, v. 30)
2. Anxiety reveals an attempt to serve God and wealth (or where it is we value, v. 24-25)

What does Jesus teach anxious people is true about God?

1. God is a Father (v. 26, 32)
2. God is in heaven (v. 26)
3. God provides for worthless birds (v. 26)
4. God adorns grass with incredibly beautiful flowers (v. 29-30)
5. God concerns himself with the most worthless details of life, i.e. beautifying grass with flowers! (v. 30)
6. God knows our needs (v. 32)
7. God will provide what we need (v. 30, 33)

What does Jesus teach anxious people is true about creation?

1. The necessities of life are ultimately God's concern, not ours (v. 25)
2. Your life is about more than food and clothing, things essential to life (v. 25)
3. Birds don't sow or reap or gather into barns (v. 26)
4. You are of much more value than birds (v. 26)
5. The glory of man cannot compare to the beauty of flowers (v. 28-29)
6. Grass is temporary and, therefore, hardly worth adorning (v. 30)

What does Jesus teach anxious people about their anxiety?

1. Worry betrays wrong worship (v. 24-25)
2. Worry accomplishes nothing (v. 27)
3. Worry is equally useless to all men (v. 27, implied in asking, "And who of you...")
4. Worry is characteristic of unbelievers, not those who have God as their Father (v. 32)
5. Worry is future-oriented (v. 34)

What does Jesus teach anxious people to do?

1. Consider the birds (v. 26)
2. Consider the uselessness of worry (v. 27)
3. Consider the flowers (v. 28)
4. Stop worrying (v. 31, 34)
5. Concern yourself with God's coming kingdom and the obedience that characterizes those who enter into it (v. 33)