

Matthew 6 Notes

The text talks about money and God's provision. Matt. 6:33 is one of my favorites and it adjusts my priorities from the temporal to the eternal. I have been enjoying Matthew Henry's commentaries, and his notes regarding earthly, temporal rewards relative to the delayed, but eternal rewards in heaven was striking. The rewards we desire here on Earth can take us away many times from completing our God given tasks and responsibilities. Many ministries have been infiltrated with materialistic, prosperity gospel teaching, which is not the gospel. It is a self-centered, dead news, which does nothing to alleviate the issues which Jesus sought to address. Wealth and money can be earned by hard work, both for the believer and unbeliever. Jesus tells us not to be caught up with externalities, in people's praises and worldly possessions, but rather in His kingdom and righteousness. Many times, the root of many of our financial problems may be slothfulness, greed, and misguided decisions, or worldly faults. Jesus came for eternal purposes, but we limit Him to the temporal. The material things are important and He said He would take care of all that, even as He takes care of the flowers and the sparrows.

If one thinks about it, God is really busy, but not in the sense that He is all flustered, but He has a lot going around. Man can't fathom the work load that He is responsible for and yet, He consoles us by saying not to worry. In my prideful, self-focused state of mind, I lose sight of His Words and promises. It just seems to slip out of my mind when rubber meets the road and the trials of life come at me. However, I want to stand on His Word. Help me God.