

SERMON NOTES

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FINDING REST FOR THE ANXIOUS HEART

Luke 12:22-34

I. WORRY—WHAT IS IT?

(Luke 12:22-23) Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes."

II. WORRY—WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

A. THE SOURCE OF ANXIETY

(Luke 12:25) "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

B. UNDERSTANDING OUR WILL TO POWER

III. WORRY—WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

A. THINK ON HIS PROVIDENCE

(Luke 12:24) "Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!" (Romans 8:28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Genesis 50:20) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

B. ARGUE THE LOVE OF GOD INTO YOUR HEART

(Luke 12:30, 32) "For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.... Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

C. SEEK HIS KINGDOM

(Luke 12:31, 33a) "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well... Sell your possessions and give to the poor."