

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

True Righteousness in the Kingdom context:

Discourse on true law-keeping:

1. Murder 5:21-26 (corporate)
2. Adultery 5:27-30 (marital)
3. False witness 5:33-37 (personal)

Discourse on true worship:

1. Giving 6:1-4 (service)
2. Prayer 6:5-15 (fellowship)
3. Fasting 6:16-18 (devotion)

Discourse on true living:

1. Wealthy living 6:19-24 (priorities)
2. Care-free living 6:25-34 (provision)
3. Self-reflective living 7:1-6 (pride)

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The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 6:25-34)

“Trusting the One Who provides”

Outline: The provision of GOD:

1. He provides salvation
2. He is able to provide vv. 25-29
3. He knows how to provide vv. 30-32
4. He promises to provide vv. 33-34

1- He provides salvation

A. Observations:

- Mankind's separation
 - Genesis 3:1-5
- Mankind's need
 - Romans 3:9-20
- God's provision
 - Romans 3:21-26
- Mankind's deliverance
 - Romans 4:5



1- He provides salvation

B. Summary/Application:

- Every human being is born separated from God.
- God gives deliverance freely through Jesus Christ.
- Deliverance is **ONLY** by trusting in Christ alone and not your works.
- Have you trusted Christ alone?
- Will you trust Christ alone?
- Will you share this good news with others?

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A. Observations:

- Do NOT worry v. 25
- The birds v. 26
- Worry's inability v. 27
- The lilies v. 28
- The comparison of Solomon v. 29

2- He is able to provide vv. 25-29

- 25 “Therefore I say to you, ^ydo not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?
- 26 ^zLook at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- 27 Which of you by worrying can add one ¹cubit to his ²stature?
- 28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;
- 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not ³arrayed like one of these.

2- He is able to provide vv. 25-29

B. Summary/Application:

- Where your treasure is there your heart will be.
- Therefore, don't worry about earthly things.
- Life > food, clothing, riches.
- The lesser to greater argument: birds
- Can worry increase your life?
- The lesser to greater argument: flowers

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A. Observations:

3- He knows how to provide vv. 30-32

- God's care for the grass of the field v. 30a
- The lifespan of grass v. 30b (cf. 1 Pt. 1:22-25 *quotation Is. 40:6-8)
- The lesser to greater argument v. 30c
- The application v. 31
- The reason v. 32

30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

3- He knows how to provide vv. 30-32

B. Summary/Application:

- Life is short... eternity is long!
- If God cares for the grass that dies every year...
Will He care for you?
- God knows!
- Trust Him!

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A. Observations:

- The priority of God's kingdom v. 33a
- The priority of God's righteousness v. 33b
- The promise of provision v. 33c
- One step at a time... only one step at a time... this is the way the Lord will lead me... One. Step. At. A. Time.

33 But ^aseek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

Application:

- Trust Christ for salvation.
- If God gives salvation, how much more provisions?
- If God cares for birds, flowers, and grass, how much more His children?
- God is able to provide.
- God wants to provide.
- God knows your needs.
- Do not worry about provisions.
- Trust God!
- One step at a time.





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