



Bird's Eye View

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Chapter 4: The Indestructible Life in Christ Pt 1

Theme: The Indestructible Life in Christ Pages 47-49.

Key Truth: More than this physical life.

Key Scripture: *Matthew 6:25-34, John 1:4, Psalm 51:6*

First read Matthew 6:25-34.

Jesus says to His disciples life is more than food and the body more than clothing. He teaches us not to be worried about our lives. Don't be worried about what you will eat or drink or wear. He then makes a reference to the birds of the air and how His Father provides for them and the lilies in the field and how His Father clothes them, and then He says, "Who of you being worried can add a single hour to his life?"

I wonder if we have truly allowed what Jesus is saying to go beyond a surface level reality and penetrate our hearts in a way, that pierces the heart and brings a powerful conviction, to awaken us out of a very earthly life and make us aware of an eternal life that is available, but only in Him. This is what this chapter is about. An indestructible life in Christ.

Jesus addresses the core essentials (food, water, clothing) to keep a fleshly, physical, human life going, where He knows we need these 3 core essentials to survive for roughly on average 82 years, and yet testifies to the fact that life is more than these things. He says I am fully aware you need them and I will provide them, but don't make them the first things you seek, but make Me, My kingdom and My righteousness your first.

If you do not, you will never enter into this indestructible life I have for you, because you are putting the natural ahead of the spiritual, and man can not live on bread alone. He must first be found living on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God as his food, water and clothing source, and not the natural.

It's right here that I want us to see something that I think we miss when it comes to this passage. There is something even deeper that sits within these verses than food, water and clothing, which we need to also address in our lives.

The question the Spirit would have us all ask ourselves is. How do we provide for ourselves the natural food, water and clothing?

It's one thing to need these things to keep a natural life alive, but it's the resource that provides these core essentials which Jesus also addresses, as this is a much deeper issue.

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

This is where it quickly becomes a Lordship issue. Jesus is saying only in Me can you find this new source to live this new life that I bring, and truly serve Me, as opposed to serving this other master. When we serve the right Master, we are not worried about our lives, as to what we will eat, drink or wear, but when we serve the wrong master, we are bound up in worry and anxiety, which leads us into darkness.

This is where John 1:4 comes in.

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

If life is only found in Christ alone, and it's His life that gives us our light, and we are not eating, drinking and being clothed by Christ as our new food, then the light in us will be darkness.



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Matthew 6:22-23 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

When the eye is looking at the wrong source, then we will be bound in darkness within us. Darkness being our flesh and fleshly ways and we will be void of this Light in us. The Light being Him. This is not the indestructible life in us, but a very shakeable and breakable life in us called earth.

If this is our reality there is hope in Him and I would encourage you all to ask, seek and knock on the Spirit's door for the reality King David sought to receive.

Psalms 51:6 Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

Questions:

1. What does a life look like that truly has Jesus as Lord or Master?
2. Why is money such a poor master?
3. How real to us personally is this eternal life that is more than food, water and clothing?
4. Where is this hidden part where David desires to have this wisdom?
5. Who is this wisdom?

Action point: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place after going through this resource?