

SOTM - Matt 6 - Living Life Aware of God

Who Are You Living For? -- An audience of One

Mat 6:1-34 ESV "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people ***in order to be seen by them***, for then **you will have no reward from your Father** who is in heaven.

- When seeking attention, recognition, or validation from others, we forfeit His reward

3 Areas We Often Do To Be Seen By Others → but are you Aware that God sees?

- 2 "Thus, **when you give to the needy**, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, ***that they may be praised by others***.
- 5 "And **when you pray**, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, ***that they may be seen by others***.
- 16 "And **when you fast**, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces ***that their fasting may be seen by others***.

BE AWARE → GOD WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU → DO IT IN SECRET (vs 4, 6, 17)

Prayer is to remind us to be aware that God is involved in every area of life

9 Pray then like this: "**Our Father** in heaven, **hallowed be your name**. 10 **Your kingdom** come, **your will** be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 **Give us this day** our daily bread, 12 and **forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors**. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but **deliver us** from evil.

- Prayer reminds us we have a relationship with a **Father** (who knows, who sees and who is able)
- Life is about **His kingdom, His will, His provision... His forgiveness, reconciliation, deliverance**

Being aware of treasure in heaven - enables us to focus on God vs money

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves **treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.....vs 24 You cannot serve God and money.**

Anxiety - Could it Stem from Not Being Aware of God, Who He Is, and What He Does?

Anxiety → We forget how our heavenly Father values us

- 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be ***anxious*** 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 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet **your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?**

Anxiety → We forget there are things we have no power to change - there are things only God controls

- 27 And which of you by being ***anxious*** can add a single hour to his span of life?

Anxiety because we lack faith -- He clothes the grass → Will he not much more clothe you?

- 28 And why are you ***anxious*** about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But **if God so clothes the grass** of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, **will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?**

Be aware - YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWS (vs 8 He knows what we need even before we ask)

- 31 Therefore do not be ***anxious***, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.**

Instead, live a God-Centered Life - His Kingdom, His Righteousness

- 33 But **seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not be ***anxious*** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be ***anxious*** for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.