

C & C: Consider the Lilies

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Matthew 6:25-34

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

There is so much to be said of this beautiful passage of scripture. Things hard for the natural man to really let sink in and process. As is all the Word of God profound statements are made that are contrary to our way of thinking. Mankind is generally worrying about everything. From what is going to be taking place in an hour, a day or two from now, weeks from now, and even years from now. Of course nothing is wrong with applying wisdom and prudence for the future but recognizing that it is all tentative for you are not promised your next breath of life!

James 4:13-15

13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Proverbs 27:1

1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Jesus said to Consider the lilies as a comparison between taking thought of your life, for food, for drink, and for clothing. Even asking “Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?” Who among you can by thought add to your own height? In the Gospel of Luke’s account Jesus said “If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?” (Lk 12:26)

God in his provisional care tells us to “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?” The lilies of the field neither toil nor spin yet God has clothed them with more glory than King Solomon in all his glory, his fame, his wisdom, his riches, and all that he had was not “arrayed like one of these”. So “if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

If we would live by this principle that was taught to us, the cares and worries of life would be a thing of the past “for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.” We are then told otherwise we are of little faith!

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We are told that we are to seek first “the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”. We are then given a warning, “Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

Of how much more value are you than a lily that is in the field and gone tomorrow?

Luke 12:4-7

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Jesus tells us not to be afraid “of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.” This again goes against the natural reasoning of mankind. We are then told who we should fear, “Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.” It is God alone that we should fear not speaking of normal fear that comes when you for example shouldn’t touch a hot iron or stick your hand in fire. God knows every sparrow

and not one is forgotten before him while God has numbered “the very hairs of your head”.
“Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

If we would apply these scriptures our life would be virtually stress free. Any time a problem arose all we have to do is apply this scripture:

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The word careful meaning anxious. We are to be anxious for nothing! But “in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

1 Peter 5:5-7

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

We are to cast all of our cares upon Jesus for he cares for us. We are to come to Jesus that we might find rest for our souls! His yoke is easy, and his burden is light. It is our own carnal nature that fights against the rest and peace that is found in Christ Jesus! Clothe yourself with “humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”

Proverbs 13:15

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

Therefore get wisdom and understanding.

Proverbs 3:18

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

- 16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

Ponder the path of thy feet.

Proverbs 4:25-27

- 25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Consider the Lilies!