Calm and Confident in the Lord’s Provisions
"Standing true in a post-truth, post-Christian society” series – principle 7
Matthew 6:25-34

PROPOSITION: In a world competing for limited resources, driven by fear, unrest, and scarcity, we will remain calm, confident that our Heavenly Father provides our daily bread.

I. The challenge
   A. When the “what ifs” keep us up at night?
   B. When the future will almost surely be bad?
   C. When our best efforts fall short?
   D. Living by faith, not by sight, focuses on the Provider rather than the provisions

II. God’s word of encouragement
   Matthew 6:25-32
   A. As enjoyable as material things are, there is much more to life
      Matt 6:25
   B. As hard as we work for material things, God does much more
      Matt 6:26
   C. As natural as worry is, it doesn’t add anything to life
      Matt 6:27
   D. God’s provisions are far greater than we can do for ourselves
      Matt 6:28-30
   E. Our heavenly Father already knows our needs
      Matt 6:31-32
      (See sermon notes on 03-31-2019 for more on God as our Father)

III. When needs, scarcity or turmoil come – a different perspective is needed
   Matthew 6:33-34
   A. Act by serving God now
      “seek first”
   B. Focus on the future & bigger Kingdom of God picture
      “His Kingdom”
   C. Seek His righteousness more than physical things
      “His righteousness”
   D. Challenge your thoughts when worrying about the future
      “do not worry about tomorrow”
   E. Take a step today for whatever problems you have today
      “each day has enough trouble of its own”

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