

# Matthew 6:22-34 The Kingdom View

## Part 4: Single-minded and Un-divided

### Study Guide – Reference Verses

#### Israel's heart condition

Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

Hosea 8:11 (ESV) Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers devour his strength, and he knows it not; gray hairs are sprinkled upon him, and he knows it not. The pride of Israel testifies to his face; yet they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him, for all this. Ephraim is like a dove, silly and without sense, calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.

#### Created by God

Genesis 2:7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.

#### Double-Minded

James 1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

How long will you waffle between the two?

#### Anxiety, No! Peace, Yes!

Philippians 4:6-9 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if

there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

### Discussion Questions:

1. In Matthew 6:22, Jesus says that the lamp of the body is the eye. What does that mean? What does it mean to have a "single" eye and why is that a good thing?
2. The definition of the word "anxious "(or worry) in this passage is a combination of two smaller words. It means, "to divide the mind." How does worry divide the mind? What does Jesus tell us to do about it? (Philippians 4:6–7, 12–13, 19, Proverbs 30:7–8, 1 Timothy 6:9–10)
3. Why do you think Jesus says in verse 30, "Oh you of little faith?" How is faith related to worry?

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