# Treasure in Heaven Real Security

- A. Intro: How do you secure your valuables?
- B. Big Idea: Our security is in God!
  - a. Proverbs 3:25-26 NLT  $^{25}$  You need not be afraid of sudden disaster or the destruction that comes upon the wicked,  $^{26}$  for the Lord is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.
- C. Scripture: Matthew 6:24-34 NLT <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. <sup>25</sup> "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? <sup>27</sup> Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? <sup>28</sup> "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, <sup>29</sup> yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. <sup>30</sup> And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? 31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. 34 "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.
- D. How can we find our security in God?
  - a. Focus on Serving God and not Money or Possessions
    - i. Matthew 6:24 NLT <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.
    - ii. 1 Timothy 6:9-10 NLT <sup>9</sup> But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

- b. Remember that God is our Provider
  - i. Psalm 20:7 NIV <sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
  - ii. Matthew 6:25-30 NLT <sup>25</sup> "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? <sup>27</sup> Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? <sup>28</sup> "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, <sup>29</sup> yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. <sup>30</sup> And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?
  - iii. Proverbs 19:15 NLT <sup>15</sup> Lazy people sleep soundly, but idleness leaves them hungry.

## c. Be Confident that God knows your Needs

- i. Matthew 6:31-32 NLT <sup>31</sup> "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.
- ii. Matthew 6:7-8 NLT "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

#### d. Seek God's Kingdom First

i. Matthew 6:33 NLT - <sup>33</sup> Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

### E. Close: What are you finding your security in?

a. Job 1:21 NLT – "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!"

#### b. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Matthew 6:33 NLT <sup>33</sup> Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
- ii. Think: What is it that makes me feel secure?

iii. Action: Seek God, live righteously and rest in the security of your Heavenly Father.