

11 November 2012: Preached by Rev Quek Suan Yew

Topic: **Sermon on the Mount (Part 8) - The Christian and his heart**

Scripture Text: Matthew 6: 25-34

1. Our Christian transformation will include what we hope to seek after in our lives. What must our heart focus on such that we live our lives in like manner like Christ. Our heart must have a heart of faith, trust and righteousness.

2. A heart of faith (verses 25-30)

Without faith, it is impossible to please God. We must stop worrying for our life and future eg. what I'm going to eat and the house to live in. Our life is worth much more than that. Often we work very hard everyday to earn money and are constantly bombarded by the world to think ahead and plan for our future. Jesus gave us two illustrations not to worry of our future:

a) Firstly, look at the birds. They don't toil and labour, yet our Heavenly Father continues to feed them day in and day out. Jesus is using something very trivial in our lives to highlight an important point.

We are of more importance to God than the birds and surely He will feed and provide all our needs.

b) Secondly, look at the lilies. They do not work or spin to get their beautiful colour. Even king Solomon's garments are not as exquisite as the lilies. God clothes all the wild lilies and it's much better than whatever man can design.

If we go on worrying, we have no faith. If we go out of God's will and show off to others of what we possess, it's just to build on our ego and pride. God will provide all our needs and we must have a heart of faith in Him. That's why it is so important to trust in the Lord to provide.

3. A heart of trust (verses 31-32)

How can we not trust God? Do we not know who God really is? He is the awesome God, who turned this world from nothing to something. We are insulting God when we don't trust Him and want to do everything ourself. When we do not trust God, it is clear that we think that God cannot take care of our future.

3. A heart of righteousness (verses 33-34) We must make sure we are born again and doing God's will in our lives. Our duty is to ensure our lives are right before God and man. God has provided everything to succeed for our spiritual life and we must follow the ways of God. We ought to see our workplace or school as an avenue of testimony where people see Christ in our lives.