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**25** “This is why I tell you: Don’t worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

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<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any of you add a single cubit to his height by worrying?

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**28** And why do you worry about clothes? Learn how the wildflowers of the field grow: they don't labor or spin thread. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these!

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<sup>30</sup> If that's how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won't He do much more for you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So don't worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'

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<sup>32</sup> For the idolaters eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

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**34** Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

***Jesus' admonition of 'do not take thought of tomorrow,' regards thinking ahead based on worry. He is not telling us to not prepare or plan, but we do so with the underlying idea that all these preparations must be done so in faith honoring God and His sovereign reign.***

## ***Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)***

**22** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
**23** they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

## ***1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV)***

**12** For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

- His utter holiness, completely void of anything evil, no corruption, no falsehood, no compromise, He alone is holy
- His literal immenseness
- His incredible power
- His exceptional wisdom
- His infiniteness: No beginning and no end

***So in relationship to this verse we see that between God being so completely out of range of our brain's capacity to comprehend Him, coupled with the sin tainted lenses that we view Him with, our internal portrait of Him, is vague, unclear.***

***What characteristics have you carved His image into, the one that resides in the core of your soul?***

- Tradition?
- Half Truths or outright lies?
- Life experiences?
- Scripture?

- The chisels, the brushstrokes, the poetry that we use to create the portrait that we choose as reality especially when we encounter the real pains and sorrow of this pre-heavenly earth

***“A right conception of God is basic not only to systematic theology but to practical Christian living as well. It is to worship what the foundation is to the temple; where it is inadequate or out of plumb the whole structure must sooner or later collapse.*”**

***"I believe there is scarcely an error in doctrine or a failure in applying Christian ethics that cannot be traced finally to imperfect and ignoble thoughts about God.***

***“It is my opinion that the Christian conception of God current in these middle years of the twentieth century is so decadent as to be utterly beneath the dignity of the Most High God and actually to constitute for professed believers something amounting to a moral calamity.”*** (Knowledge of the Holy, A W Tozer)

## ***2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)***

**5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,**

***We are in a battle, the battle of the mind.  
Satan roams as a lion seeking whom he  
may devour. Not in a physical sense does  
he prowl, but I believe as a thought  
provoker.***

***How do we take no thought and take every thought captive?***

***If you do not know the word of God you are powerless against these mental attacks. Read, read, read, memorize, meditate on, study, embrace Gods word because only then will you be able to fight the tempters lies.***

***Do not let the portraits we paint of God,  
ourselves, family, friends, lifes  
circumstances be done so apart from the  
very words and declarations given in  
scripture.***

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