

# Do not Worry Our God is in control

## Introduction

Good morning everyone, this is now our sixth message which is being recorded during this lockdown period.

Each week I ask God to show me what He wants me to say to everyone today, and this week God showed me to speak on, DO NOT WORRY, OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL!

I guess we need to all hear this, Our God is in control no matter what is happening around us, He is in control!

## Satan is the author of death and disease

Also, He, God is not the cause of the coronavirus and all the fear and anguish, that is all coming for Satan.

Satan is a murderer, he is a liar and he IS the cause of all this death and suffering of this coronavirus, don't let him lie to you and say it is God, no it is not.

According to Jesus speaking to the Pharisees in **John 8:44-45** *"44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me."*

He has been lying to the world telling us all that God is responsible for all this death, which is a lie and Satan's natural language, always trying to shift the blame onto someone else!

What is Satan lying to you about today? What are the lies he is telling you that you are believing?

**Romans 3:21-26** *"21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."*

Stop listening to him and listen to God and His Word which says that Jesus Christ's death for YOU, His Blood, REDEEMED you, purchased you from Satan so that you can be free and Justified (just as if you have never sinned)!

God sees you as sinless because of JESUS CHRIST death, and He is NOT responsible for this sickness and death in the world, but He is the ANSWER to all the issues we face and especially the issue of what will happen to us when we die!

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## Do not Worry

To live a life of no worries there are a few very important steps to becoming free of all worries, it is not a secret, on how to believe in your ability to living a life of no worry or in with total trust in God and His resources!

All four the steps are laid out in **Matthew 6:19-34**, however, most of us miss them and then we wonder why we still have worries!

So this morning I want to highlight a few steps we need to individually take to living that life of freedom, provision and not worry at all!

## Where is your treasure

I have good news for you today, God is in control so STOP worrying! In the sermon on the Mount found in **Matthew 5-7** Jesus preaching says in **Matthew 6:19-21** *“<sup>19</sup> Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”

One of the reasons we are worrying about the future is because our FOUNDATION is WRONG! We are focusing on our treasures here on earth and not on the TREASURE we already have in HEAVEN!

Paul says in **Ephesians 2:20-21** that “JESUS CHRIST is the Chief Cornerstone on which we build EVERYTHING! *“<sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,”*

And not only is Jesus Christ the Chief Cornerstone on which EVERYTHING is built. The GOOD NEWS is that **JESUS CHRIST HAS** Already **PAID** the **FULL PRICE** for your **SIN** – All of them!!

So, please stop focusing only on your life here, stop building a treasure here on earth that will erode and disappear but rather put your focus and faith in what is to come, build your treasure in heaven – Jesus Christ says in **JOHN 14:1-6** *“<sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

The first step in living that life of total provision and no worries is to get your heart right and to focus on where your treasure is!

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All the money and all success that we achieve or make on earth WILL remain here when we die, and others will use it!

So, stop focusing on your treasure here on earth which is only temporary but rather focus on your eternal treasure which is in heaven and cannot be lost or left behind!

### Allow the light to shine in your life

**Matthew 6:22-23** <sup>22</sup> *“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”*

You and I have been called to be a light in a dark world. In your family, where you work, wherever you go, be a light in a very dark world! Many, many people around you need the Light of Jesus to shine upon their life!

Jesus Christ has called us all to be His Light here on earth! I do not know if you have noticed how powerful light really is. When I am in Malawi in the dead of night deep in the bush there is no light at all and the people are sitting in the darkness with the stars shining in the sky and then the generator starts and one light comes on and the darkness is immediately GONE and you can see individuals all around!

This is exactly what Jesus Christ wants us to be on the earth! A light for Him that causes all darkness to flee/disappear that will let those in the darkness run to the light!

So, to have no worries, the first step is getting your heart focused on Things above (Heaven), secondly become a Light for Jesus in your area

### Where is your Money

And thirdly is your money, where is your money? Jesus said it like this, **Matthew 6:24** <sup>24</sup> *“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”*

In times like these and any other times in your life the way you deal with your money, proves where your heart is! According to Jesus Christ, you cannot serve both God and the world system or Mammon.

What is interesting in this statement in **Matthew 6:24** is that God never compared Himself to anything else, most definitely not even Satan, however, He is saying that a man's heart is either serving Him or serving Mammon!

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Which one are you? You cannot serve both! Many people tell me that they server God and I have no reason not to believe they do not but when one sure way to know and that is to look at your bank statement!

Looking at your bank statement will tell anyone a lot about your tithe, if God is really first” If you say God is so important to you are you then putting a priority on tithing?

If you tithe only after all your expenses or what you have left, then obviously your tithe is important but not a priority.

I do not want to hammer on this because even I have not always given God what He deserves and often not as a priority, in other words not the first thing I do when I get my salary but I can honestly say I have been faithful and in the last few months I have made my tithe a priority, in other words, I give my tithe as soon as I see my salary in the bank.

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So, if we will follow God’s plan as Jesus taught us at the Sermon on the Mount, first getting our treasure in the right place, secondly being a light to those around us and thirdly placing a priority on our tithe to make it the first thing we do each month!

This is a message by itself and is called the Law of First Fruits.

Then according to the Word, we do not have to worry, and God will supply all we need according to His riches in Glory **Philippians 4:19**.

Let us continue with our text, **Matthew 6:25-34** ”<sup>25</sup> *“Therefore I say to you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>28</sup> “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

These verses assure us if we will set ourselves up to having our desires or needs by dealing with these three areas I mentioned – 1) Set you heart on things above 2) being a light to those around us 3) placing a priority setting your heart on God through our tithe/giving, God will take care of us just as He takes care of nature and supplies their needs, He will supply your needs too.

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And the last point God KNOWS you needs already before you even know you need something! That is comforting to know, but He wants us to trust Him and show Him we are in it because our heart is right and set on Him

### Seek He first

The last point for today's messages is found in verse 33 and it sums up all where our focus must really be, building His Kingdom. You cannot imagine the importance of doing things for God that is done as a priority and the first thing you do, that is why I place a little emphasis on the tithe being the first thing you do once your money comes into your account.

I could preach a whole sermon just in the Law of Firstfruits as found in the Law and the entire Bible. It is very important to do things God's way just look at the story of Cain and Able! So it is important to do what God asks you and not how you like but as He requires!

And this is what God is saying in **Matthew 6:33-34**, it is a priority that brings the Blessing - ***33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.***

I have been a missionary to Malawi since 2011 and I have found that where God gives one a vision there is always provision and this is what this scripture and message is ultimately saying, Seek God, Put Him first, put His agenda and He will provide for you and that is a promise!

So, why don't you test Him? Put him first in everything you do, and He will make you so successful that you do not need to worry.

You can worry if you want to worry but then you can put your faith in God and His Word and do what He is telling us to do and have to opportunity for Him to take care of you and no you do not have to be a missionary or minister, God wants to take care of you, If you will allow Him too.

What is your decision today? Will you listen to God and His Word and have the rest you need, or will you try and do it yourself?

What is your decision?

I want to close with an amazing verse **2 Corinthians 8:9** ***9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.***

That is an amazing verse, Jesus Christ not only died for your sin and healing, but HE died for our poverty too by becoming poor so that you can become RICH! Rich not

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only in finances but also rich in the blessings of God that you will not need to worry because God is with you!

God wants you to prosper, God wants you to have nice things, God wants you to have no fear and to have no worry or care in the world, right now, today He is calling you to a live solely based on Him and His Word.

Will you start:

1. To make heaving the place where your treasures are stored – stop living for this world and all the things in it because it will all be burned up, live and store things in heaven where nothing can touch it!
2. Will you be the Light of Jesus to a dying world? The world needs Jesus because they are going to hell without Him! Will you be a light and guide people to Him?
3. Will you once and for all time deal with the money issue? Either you are a servant to God and His system, or He is not, and you are a servant to Mammon and the world system and then you tell the difference is what you do with your money!
4. Last Seek First God, make everything you do from when you wake up till you go to bed at night, put God first in everything!

If you will do this, God promises you all the provision that you need as well as you will not need to worry about where your support will come, He will provide for you just as He provides for His creation!

God has not given you a spirit of FEAR but of LOVE, HOPE and a SOUND MIND - **2 Timothy 1:7**, Fear is the opposite of FAITH so start to exercise your faith in God and His Word and do things His way!

God bless you

**Let us pray**

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### Scriptures

**Matthew 6:22-34** <sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>25</sup> “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>28</sup> “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

**John 1:1-5** <sup>1</sup> “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

**John 8:42-47** <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup> Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup> He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

**John 14:1-6** <sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

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**2 Corinthians 8:8-12** *“<sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; <sup>11</sup> but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have. <sup>12</sup> For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.”*

**Philippians 4:17-19** *“<sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. <sup>18</sup> Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

**Ephesians 2:19-22** *“<sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”*