



## God Is Our Father

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Luke 12:22-36

The question, "Will God provide?" comes from a scarcity mindset that is rooted in fear.

Am I good enough for God to provide for me?  
Have I done enough for God to provide for me?  
Does God love me enough for Him to provide for me?

### 1. Will God provide: An issue of God's character.

*"Consider the ravens...God feeds them...Consider the lilies...God clothes them..."*

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### 2. How will God provide: An issue of God's ability.

*"The ravens do not now sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them."*

*"The lilies do not labor or spin, yet not even Solomon was dressed like one of these."*

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### 3. When will God provide: An issue of God's timing.

*"Do not worry about your life...Why do you worry about the rest?...do not worry...Do not be afraid!"*

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### 4. We need to think differently about our lives: An issue of the Kingdom vs the World.

*"Life is more than food and the body more than clothes...your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom." Vs 23,32*

*"Do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after such things...but seek first His Kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." Vs 30-31*

*"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted...where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Vs 33-34*

*"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master..." Vs 35-36*

Thoughts as we linger with Jesus.

1. Be honest (confession) - "Jesus, I am worried about my life."
2. Ask God to change your thinking (repentance) - "Jesus, give me your thoughts about my life."
3. Receive His comfort and strength (transformation through faith) - "Jesus, I receive your truth and will trust you."