

(Clip) The Bible Doesn't Promote Being Worried

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Scripture: Matthew 6:25, Psalm 23:1, Isaiah 53:6, Acts 3:19, 2 Chronicles 7:14, John 10:11, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 10:9, 1 John 1:9, Revelation 3:19

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Transcript

One, the Bible does downplay worry. The Bible will downplay worry. The Bible doesn't promote being worried and being anxious.

The Bible actually downplays worry, but then it offers hope. So God will say, here's the conditions, here's what's happening, but here's the hope. Here's what you're going through, here's the challenges, but here's the hope.

So we must do the same thing, especially from the pulpits and as Christians. We don't downplay this, we don't minimize it, we don't poke fun at people who might be very fearful at this time. Oh, come on, it's no big deal.

And actually in my case, I might need to acknowledge this that a week or two ago, I downplayed it a little bit more than I do now. Now, I don't know what the right word is, but many of us didn't take it quite as serious. A couple weeks ago, it's just like the flu, it's no big deal, it will blow over.

And clearly we see that the enemy is working overtime. Clearly we see that, okay, this might not be everything we thought it would be. And I think that's a good thing in that this sense, God's got to get us to a place of complete brokenness where we cry out to God.

And I actually erased this from the sermon this morning, but I'm adding it back right now because it's on my heart strongly. I don't think we're there yet. I don't think our nation is crying out to God.

I don't think we're that worried just yet. I still got this. I think and I pray it's not the case, but I don't see our nation crying out to God yet.

I see them crying out to Costco. I see them crying out for this or that, but I don't see that deep repentance taking place. It's getting there, don't get me wrong.

There's more prayer going up than ever before. There's more people seeking God than ever before. But there has to be a cry, a call of desperation.

And my prayer is that God do not get us to that point. Let us cry out to you before we get to that point. So number one, how the Bible downplays worry.

The Bible does downplay worry and offers hope, but here's what I'm trying to say. How people are responding to this clearly reveals where their heart is. Now, I'm not gonna wait till the end of the message.

I'm gonna tell you this right now, that I wanna tell you about God right now before I go any further. Here's why. I've noticed at funerals, many people, especially during funerals, and I'll read, let's say Psalm 23, the Lord is my shepherd.

I shall not want, and it's just beautiful. People say, oh, praise God, I needed that right now, but they don't know the shepherd. You can quote scripture right now and not know the God of the Bible.

This is a time of self-examination. Have you humbled yourself? So this is, I guess this is all created for this one question, I should say, two or three questions. Have you humbled yourself, repented of your sin, and asked God to save you? Is he your shepherd? Are you trusting in him, or are you trusting in religion? Are you trusting in who Christ is, or are you trusting in good works? Listen, I sent this out to hundreds and hundreds, thousands of people, actually.

I sent this link out for this message to different religions, Hindu, Jehovah Witness, Mormon. I sent this out to unbelievers. I sent this out because this is the main question.

Do you truly know God? Is he your shepherd? Is he the good shepherd? Have you repented of your sins and believed in the gospel? And I see so many people saying, well, I'm trying to be a good person, or I'm a good Baptist, I'm a good Lutheran, I'm a good, no, no, no, it's what Christ has done on the cross. This is, it's a time for self-examination. There is no peace.

Let me tell you this. As God is my witness, there is no peace, zero peace, until you are right with God. Because then you trust in an all-sufficient Savior.

You trust in the God who actually holds, holds time and eternity in his hands. He controls, God controls the destiny of nations. It's amazing.

So turn, it's a beautiful word. It's a word that many pulpits are afraid of, but I guarantee you they're gonna start resurrecting that word again. It's called repentance.

I repent of my sin. I repent of my selfishness. I repent of my pride.

Oh God, would you save me? And that is the answer for America.

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