



RIGHT ON THE MONEY 1

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Introduction: The Bible Speaks today

2 Timothy 3:15-17

and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Cornelius Van Til

The Bible is thought of as authoritative on everything of which it speaks. Moreover, it speaks of everything.

The Bible is God speaking to all people at all times in all places about all things.

DISCUSSION 1

1. How would you describe the mood of the country?
2. What are your hopes and fears for our time together?
3. Why should we listen to the Bible? Why are we slow to do so?

Tom Holland

Why did church tell people to wash hands instead of [preaching the] book of Job during the pandemic?

Vaughan Roberts

We don't tend to talk about money. We don't tend to talk about giving. And I'd love to break that taboo because the Bible is not embarrassed about these things and nor should we be.

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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Do not worry because your heavenly Father loves you and will look after you.

Isaiah 54:8-10

In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer. "To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

1. You still need to work
2. This promise isn't for everyone.
3. God will give us what we need...
4. ...for while God wants us to live
5. This doesn't mean don't plan or don't save
6. This does mean don't obsess about saving money

How will God do this?

'Godly anxiety'

2 Corinthians 11:28

And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. (ESV)

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DISCUSSION 2

- ➔ What are you worried about financially?
- ➔ How does God care for his children? Why do we not need to worry?
- ➔ What 'means' does God use to help his children? How have you experienced this? How might we do this together?
- ➔ What will you preach to yourself when your worry floods in again?
- ➔ What question will you ask your friend about their worries to help them look to Jesus?
- ➔ How will we be different from our neighbours in what we say?

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