

God's Works

Matthew 6:25-34

One day, a Pastor had a home visitation with one of his church members. When the pastor entered the house, he saw lots of pictures that the member painted hanging on the wall. He was not a professional painter, but he was fond of drawing. So the Pastor asked the member to show him all of the other paintings that he had. Actually, the Pastor didn't have any thoughts about the paintings, but he stood in admiration before them with the member along side. Then the member began to become elated as he explained all of the paintings to the Pastor as he accepted and admired them and him. If, however, the Pastor said, "I don't know much about these paintings and am not interested in them, so let's go worship God," how disappointed would the member be with the Pastor? Even though the Pastor preaches in the tongues of angels, it may not be the appropriate tone for the member. It is our duty that our attitude should admire God's beautiful work and give thanks, praise and glory to He who created these works for us. It is just as our attitude to the painter should be one that gives admiration by looking at his work.

Lift your eyes and look at the beautiful world around us. The whole world is filled with God's great and beautiful works. We admire God's beautiful works when we look at the clouds through windows of flight. Clouds have a variety of shapes. One of the clouds takes the shape of a lion and another one takes the shape of a bear. Later, the shape of the bear has been changed to a shape of an elephant. The entire sky is a pavilion of God's vivid work. God's works are a very varied and dynamic expression.

Once a man has made his works, it will never change. The works made by man cannot vary from season to season. If it was spring scenery, it remains as spring scenery. God's work, however, is not like a man's. God's work can be varied in spring, summer, fall and winter. He can change their color, shape and nature.

God's most important greatness is that He takes care of all the things that He creates. God feeds us, clothes us, and cares for us! Jesus brings our attention through today's scripture what we read. '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.' However, can man be compared to all other creatures even if it is beautiful, elaborate, and important? The Bible says that when God created man, he created him in His own image. He created man as the lord of all creatures and gave us His authority to rule over all. So in the today's scripture Jesus said clearly that man is more valuable than the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. "Are you not much more valuable than they?" It means do not worry. God will never give us up—His masterpiece.

Beloved sisters and brothers, let us lift up our eyes and look at the beautiful world God created. How great He is! How wonderful He is! I hope that all of you praise and worship God while admiring His works. I hope that all of you give thanks to God by realizing that we are God's most valuable masterpiece. Also, I hope that all of you have confidence in your mind. "We are more valuable than all the other creatures. God who feeds the birds of the air and cares for the lilies of the field will feed and care for us because we are more valuable than others." I pray that we, the children of God, should realize today's message that we should have faith in God who created all things and is our Father.