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Matthew 6:19-34

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Theme: Piety as it Expresses itself in a life of complete trust  
and freedom from care.

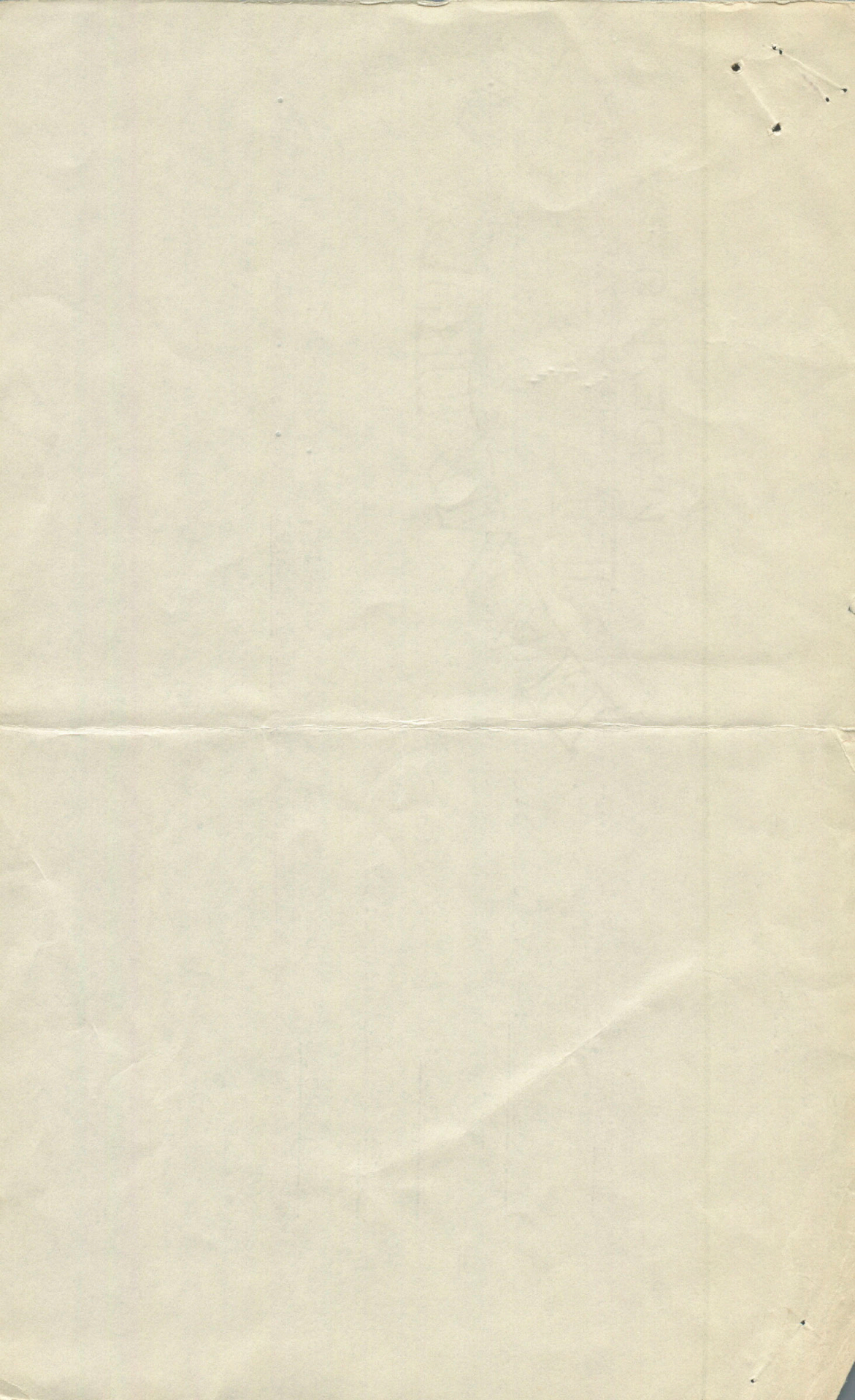
Proposition: We can overcome the evil of care by filling the  
mind and the heart with the concerns of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34

Text: Matthew 6:33

References: Abingdon Bible Commentary, pp. 966-967  
Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet (N.Y, A. Knopf, 1923). pp. 30-31















And why take ye thought for raiment?  
Consider the lilies of the field,  
how they grow; they toil not, neither  
do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even  
Solomon in all his glory was not  
arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the  
grass of the field, which today is,  
and tomorrow is cast into the oven,  
shall he not much more clothe you,  
O ye of little faith?

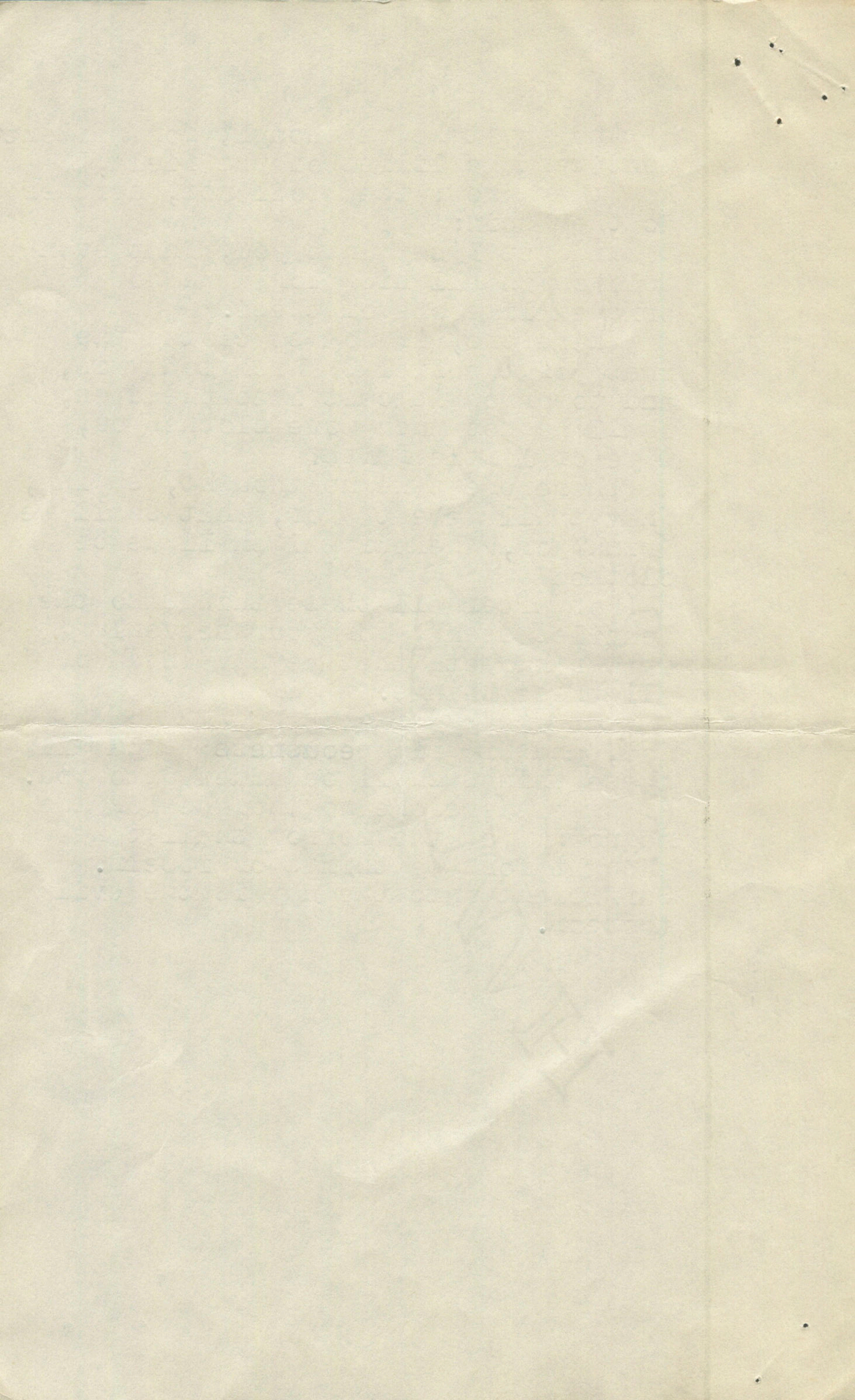
Therefore take no thought, saying,  
What shall we eat? or, What shall we  
drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be  
clothed?

(For after all these things do the  
Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly  
Father knoweth that ye have need of  
all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of  
God, and his righteousness; and all  
these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the  
morrow: for the morrow shall take  
thought for the things of itself.  
Sufficient unto the day is the evil  
thereof.







Introduction:

In this beautiful paragraph Jesus gives his answer to the all-important question of how a man can live a life free from distracting care and worry.

I. We are to realize the uncertain character of material possessions (vv. 19-20).

- 1. Expensive clothes easily spoiled by moths and worms.
- 2. Silver and gold which thieves can steal in spite of the strongest barriers.
- 3. Houses and livestock which can be destroyed in the flash of an eye.
- 4. Therefore, pay little attention to them, but emphasize laying up treasures for heave; or emphasize doing God's will in a non-showy way.

II. The heart is made for the light of divine knowledge.

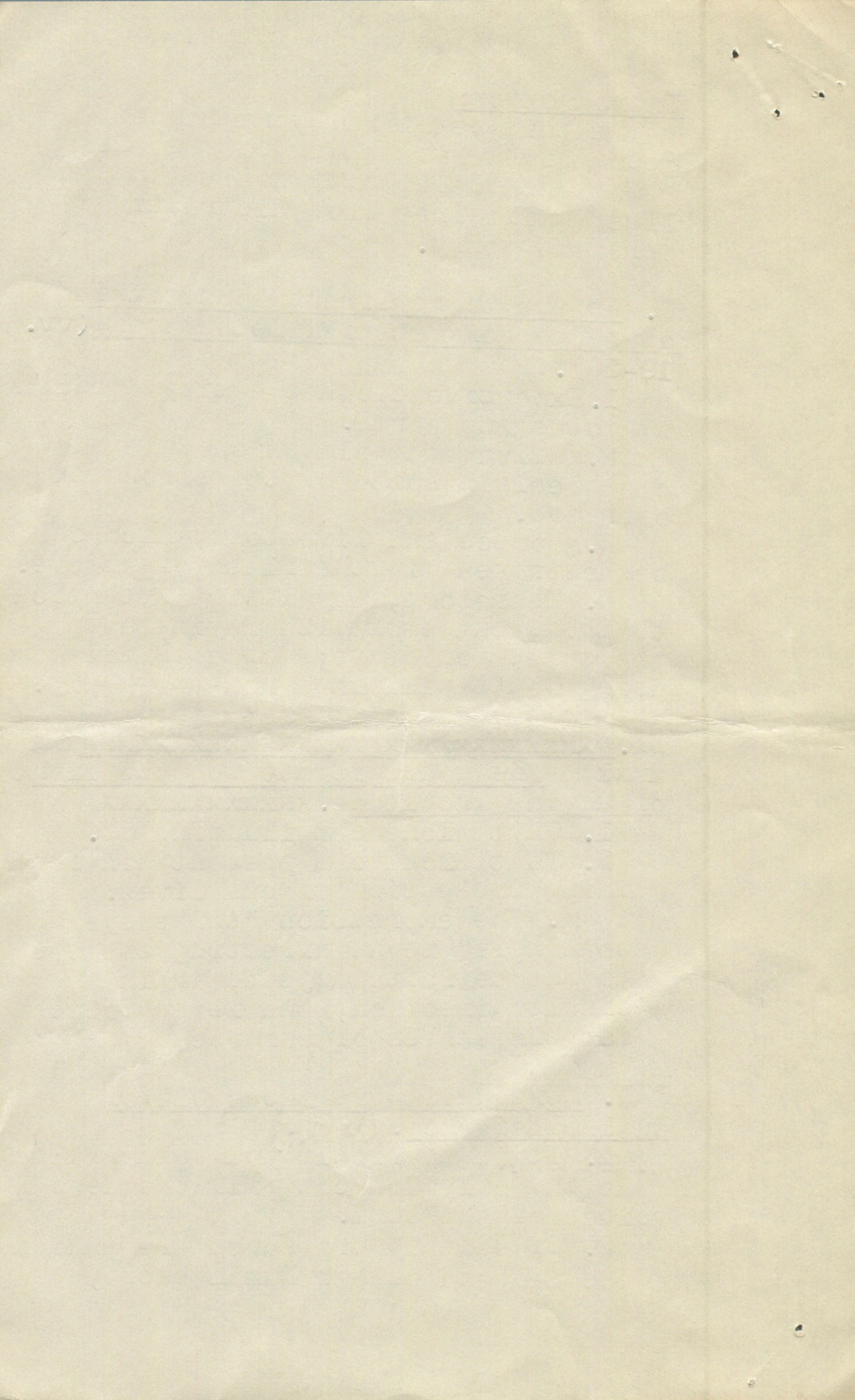
- 1. That alone can illumine it.
- 2. That alone can prevent sin from gaining possession of our lives.
  - a. The expression "thine eye be single" means directing the eye to one definite object, or in a single direction, and is symbolic for singleness of purpose.

III. Personality is incapable of dual alleigance. (v. 24)

- 1. It is so richly and wonderfully made that only God can fill the deep voides of the soul.
- 2. If earthly treasures are made x the chief end of our human quest, we

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are doomed to failure and bitter disappointment, for the heavenly Maker of souls has so made us that we cannot find abiding peace outside himself.

IV. We are to realize the insignificance of things like food and clothing and to remember that there are some things beyond our control.

1. To the Jew, man was a unity made up of a number of parts, all drawing their life from a breath soul which has no existence apart from the body. ~~xxxx~~

a. The body contains heart, liver, kidneys, eyes, ears, hands, and mouth, each capable not only of physical activity, but also of mental and spiritual functions.

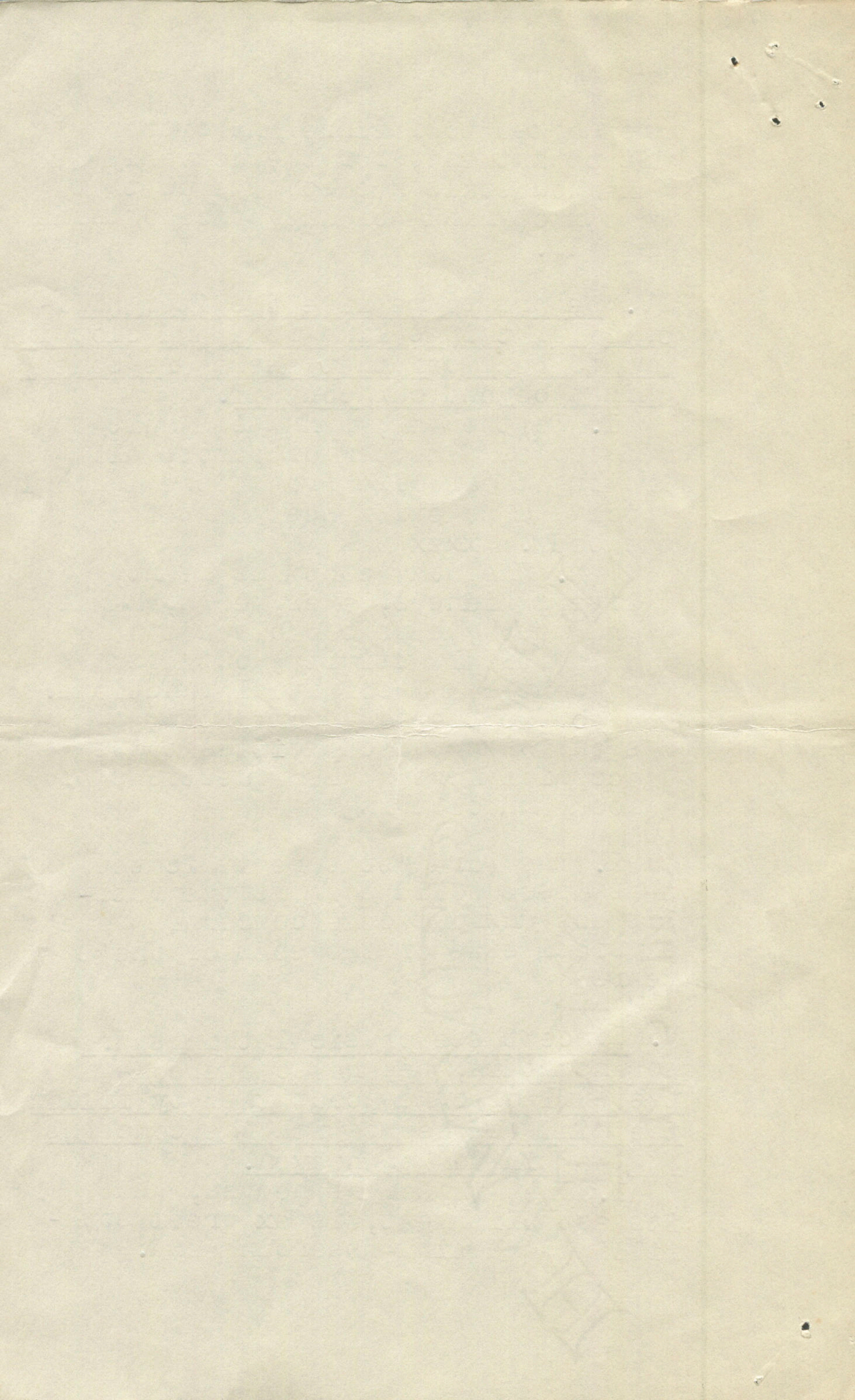
b. Is the body consisting of such wonderful capacities to be occupied merely with questions of food and clothing?

2. The word "stature indicates that Jesus would show us the futility of anxious care concerning one's physical size or the span of one's years.

V. Since these physical things are so uncertain, we are to overcome the evil of care about them by filling the mind and heart with the concerns of the Kingdom of heaven.

1. The Kingdom of heaven, and its establishment, is a great soul-filling and mind-absorbing end.







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a. We are to struggle after the righteousness of God - which for us means the victory of good in the world, and also personal perfection.

b. We do this by taking each day as it comes from the hands of a gracious God, permitting only the duties of the day to claim our thought.

c. Such a frame of mind is an inexhaustible source of strength for a successful struggle for existence.

d. These selections from the book "The Prophet" illustrate further what Jesus had in mind.

"You have been told also that life is darkness, and in your weariness you echo what was said by the weary.

And I say that life is indeed darkness save when there is urge,

And all urge is blind save when there is knowledge,

And all knowledge is vain save when there is work,

And all work is empty save when there is love;

And when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God. "

"Work is love made visible.

And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take ~~xxxx~~ alms of those who work with joy.



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For if you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half man's hunger.

And if you grudge the crushing of the grapes, your grudge distils a poison in the wine.

And if you sing though as angels, and love not the singing, you muffle man's ears to the voices of the day and the voices of night.

### Conclusion:

1. Working with love abolishes care and anxiety which often accompanies work.

2. The highest possible love man can know is that in which he dedicates himself to bringing in the Kingdom of heaven.

a. For in that he is trying to do the will of God, help others, and bring himself to the presence of God; all because he wants to.

3. And thus, we can overcome the evil of care by filling the mind and the heart with the concerns of the with the concerns of the Kingdom of heaven.



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