

Readings from the Word of God

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Matthew 6:31-34 (NKJV, modified)

³¹ “[D]o not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own evil.

Psalms 103:13-18 (NKJV, modified)

- ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
So Jehovah has compassion on those who fear Him.
- ¹⁴ For He knows our formation;
He remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flowers.
- ¹⁶ For the wind passes through it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the mercy of Jehovah is from eternity and even to eternity
On those who fear Him,
And His justice to children’s children,
- ¹⁸ To those who keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

Isaiah 40:3-4 (NKJV, modified)

- 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of Jehovah;
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill brought low;
The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough places smooth....

Isaiah 40:6-8 (NKJV, modified)

- 6 The voice said, “Cry out!”
And he said, “What shall I cry?”
“All flesh is grass,
And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of Jehovah blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the Word of our God shall rise up to eternity.”

Isaiah 40:10-11 (NKJV, modified)

- 10 Behold, the Lord Jehovih shall come with a strong hand,
And His arm shall rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.
- 11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those who are with young.

Divine Providence §214

Divine Providence Focuses on Eternal Matters, and Focuses on Temporal Matters Only As They Coincide with Eternal Ones

Divine Providence §215

By “temporal matters” I mean things that either fade in time or simply cease when our life on earth is over. By “eternal matters” I mean things that do not fade or come to an end in time or at the end of our life on earth.

Divine Providence §217:7

Everything that perishes and comes to nothing is inwardly in itself nothing. Outwardly, indeed, it is something; in fact, it appears as a great deal, and to some people as everything, as long as it lasts. But not inwardly in itself. It is like a casing with nothing inside. Or it is like an actor on stage in royal robes when the play is over.

Divine Providence §59

To think in this way is to think at the same time in terms of eternity when thinking from the viewpoint of one’s present circumstance. And when we both think and live this way, the emanating Divinity in us or Divine providence focuses on the state of our eternal life in heaven at every step of our journey, and is leading us to it.