

“Things We Need To Consider”

⇒ **Text:** Luke 12:22-31

⇒ **Intro:**

- This morning we want to look at some things as God’s children that **“We Need To Consider.”**
- **Consider** = To fix the mind on with a view of careful examination; to think on with care to ponder, to study; to meditate.

⇒ **I. Consider The Provisions of God**

- The point Jesus was trying to get across here in Luke 12:24&27.
 - Jesus was saying consider or observe how God cares for the ravens by feeding them and he clothes the lilies.
- ^{You} ~~We~~ as His children are certainly more important to Him than the fowls of the air and the lilies of the field.
- So, we can expect Him to take care of us as His children.
- So, our focus each day should be to “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.”
- By considering the ravens and the lilies of the field then we as God’s children should be a **WORRY FREE PEOPLE!**
- My friend maybe that is why you have been full of worry and care because you have not been considering the fowls of the air and how God cares for them.
 - How he clothes the lilies of field.

- o You see if you are full of care and worry then you don't have time for "seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."
- o You see God says you do the seeking and I will do the providing.
 - Amen!

⇒ **II. Consider God's Son - Hebrews 3:1;12:3**

We need to:

o Consider His Suffering

- **"...he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:..."** – Isa. 53:5
- **"I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting."** – Isa. 50:6
- **"Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust"** – 1 Peter 3:18

We need to:

o Consider His Sacrifice

- **"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us:..."** – 1 John 3:16
- **"Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."** –

Eph. 5:2

We need to:

o Consider His Saving

— There no one Jesus can't save!

- **"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."** – Hebrews 7:25

o Result If We Consider God's Son;

- "...lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." – Hebrews 12:3
- Won't grow weary and quit serving Him.
- Consider all that He went through for us and compare what you are going through for Him.
 - **No comparison – Amen!!!**

⇒ **III. Consider God's Wondrous Works – Job 37:14**

o His creation as recorded in Genesis 1-3

- Man - Body – *all the organs + systems - blood, etc. - how perfectly work together*
- Animals
- Plant Life
- Grand Canyons
- Rain
 - Marvels of evaporation and condensation
- Universe-Sun, moon, stars, planets, galaxies
- Sunrise and the Sunset
- Everything in perfect harmony

o Snow flake no two are the same

o **Result of Considering God's Wondrous Works**

- Show just how small man is and how insignificant we are compared to God.
- We cannot begin to explain the Wondrous Works of God

- Show just how unintelligent man really is – Amen!!!
- We should Fear Him
 - **See Psalm 33:6-9**

⇒ **IV. Consider The Great Things God Has Done For You –**

○ **1 Samuel 12:24**

- He saved you and keeps you (can't lose your salvation)
- He clothed you.
- He feeds you
- He gives you life and life more abundant
- He uses you if you will let Him
 - To witness to others on how to be saved.
 - To live a life that is a witness for Him.
 - To serve and support the local New Testament church that ^{He} uses to carry out the great commission.
- He gives you a joy unspeakable and full of glory
- He has prepared a mansion in heaven for you.
- He will give you a peace that passeth all understanding if you let Him!!!
- He taken the sting out of death for you.
- He snatched the victory from the grave for you.
- He has given you the greatest hope of all ~~for you~~ in the resurrection from the grave.
- He listens to and answers your prayers.

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- As result of **Considering;**
 - **The Provisions of God**
 - **God's Son**
 - **God's Wondrous Works**
 - **The Great Things God Has Done For You**
- We need to as Christians to **Consider Our Ways.**
- **See Haggai 1:2-11**
 - Here in this passage God is speaking to the Nations of Israel.
 - Twice in Vs. 5&7 – tells them to **“Consider Your Ways”**
 - In words, the way that they were living.
 - You see as a Nation Israel was putting themselves and their personnel interests first before God.
 - As result of putting their interests first – building and repairing their homes instead of the House of God, they were getting very little for their efforts – **See v. 6&10.**
 - **God also pronounced judgement – see vs. 10 & 11.**
 - My friend as child of God you need to “Consider Your Ways” and see if they are pleasing to God or not.
 - Maybe that is why you are always having financial problems – for example car trouble, lack of work, appliances always breaking down.

- Seems like you are working very hard but never seem to get anywhere like the Nation of Israel – **See Haggai 1:6&10**
 - Well, maybe you need to “Consider Your Ways” and see if you are putting God and the things of God first. – Amen!!!