

THEME: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

TOPIC: I AM IMPORTANT

TEXT: MATTHEW 6:25-27; 10:29-31; 7:11; ROMANS 8:32

INTRODUCTION

God's children are highly valued. You are important to God! Sparrows are valuable to God. If God looks after his creatures to the extent that not one of them can fall to the ground unnoticed, how much more will He look after His children? He knows even the number of hairs on their heads.

This is much more than God just observing a sparrow fall to the ground. Jesus said, *Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? ...Matthew 10:29*

God is in control of the sparrows and all their circumstances. Not just one sparrow but billions of them! He guides them every day. He guides all creatures every hour of every day (Matthew 12:11)

In these verses, Jesus taught that we should not worry or have any fear about circumstances, events, or even what others may do to us, since we are important to God—much more important than the sparrows.

1. Your Father – Matthew 10:29

Another beautiful truth of this passage is that Jesus did not say that “His Father” is sovereign over the sparrows; rather, He deliberately chose to use the words “**your**” Father. How wonderful! Jesus is telling us that the King of the universe is our own **personal Father**, not merely “the” Father.

- a. God is concerned with every detail of your life. Nothing escapes him—not even the number of hairs on your head. Even when the world is unstable we can experience continuity through our uninterrupted awareness of God's presence.
- b. I don't think it is accidental that Jesus said "don't fear" in the same passage about hairs on our heads. Stress and anxiety play a big role in hair loss. Stress can push hair follicles into a “resting” phase so that they don't produce new hair strands and hair falls out more easily.
- c. If you call God "your Father" but don't grasp the reality of the infinite depth of His love you won't live your life as if He is.
- d. You need the assurance of God's grace, goodness, and peace for our souls. This is why we are in the Word studying who we are to Him.

Q: What are the main qualities of a loving and caring father?

We Can Trust Our Father: We Are Important to Him – Matthew 6:26

What is neglected by most Christians today is the comforting, awe-inspiring truth of our God's sovereignty, His great love for each of us, and the eminent trustworthiness of His eternal purpose, which includes each of us in infinite detail...

Jesus, however, showed us that our God gives us the perfect combination of unlimited love and unbounded sovereignty."

The Bible directs us to be completely confident in both our Father's total sovereignty and his overwhelming love. Read these truths:

- a. God's steadfast love that gives us an unshakeable confidence in his purpose for each of us: *Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.* **Psalm 138:8 (AMPC)**
- b. God is a loving Father who will always give us good gifts and not bad: *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more* **Matthew 7:11**
- c. It is God's power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself: *Who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him.....* **Philippians 3:21**
- d. God who loves us so much that He chooses us to be His own: *Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy.....* **Ephesians 1:4**
- e. God has the unlimited power and authority to back up His unlimited love: *With a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever.* **Psalm 136:12**
- f. God is involved in everything that surrounds us every day, even the sparrows over our heads. *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power.....* **Philippians 3:20–21**

Q: What are the things we are to do which will show confidence in our Father's overwhelming love for us?

Conclusion

Because our Father is unlimited in perception, unlimited in power, unlimited in ability, unlimited in resources, and unlimited in wisdom, a billion sparrows can be micromanaged, a billion stars can be steered, uncounted eagles can be commanded to soar, and innumerable creatures and beasts governed and fed, and still it is as if he is not occupied with anything else at all as he relates to each of his children.

We can know we are important to God because He exercises his will over all of the details in our lives! Seek Him, and rest in His Word and His presence. As you ponder the beauty that He is your Father you can relax in His everlasting arms. You are important!