> *Matthew 6:30 (ESV) says:* “If God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

The word “kalibu” refers to a fiery oven a place used for burning dried grass, trash, or refuse. In the cultural context of Jesus’ time, after cleaning fields or homes, cut grass or waste was gathered and burned in such ovens to prevent pestilence and clear the land.

Jesus uses this vivid image to contrast the temporary nature of earthly things with the eternal care God provides. The “grass of the field” represents beauty and life that is transient alive today but destined for destruction tomorrow.

Theologically, this passage emphasizes God’s providence and care for His creation. If God so magnificently clothes something as seemingly insignificant as grass which is here only for a short time He will certainly provide for human beings, who are made in His image (Genesis 1:27) and hold eternal value.

This connects to the broader biblical theme of God’s sovereignty and faithful provision (Philippians 4:19). Jesus challenges His followers to live by faith, trusting that God knows their needs and will supply them, especially when they seek first His kingdom and righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

Luke 12:29-32 (ESV) expands this teaching:
“And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world

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> after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Here, Jesus encourages believers not to be anxious about daily needs, but to place their trust in God’s good will and provision. The phrase “little flock” reminds us that God’s kingdom people may be few but are dearly loved and cared for by God.

In summary:

- Kalibu = fiery oven used for burning grass and refuse, symbolizing the temporary nature of earthly things.

- God’s care for creation is visible even in the brief life of grass, highlighting His power and love for humanity.

- Believers are called to prioritize God’s kingdom above material concerns, trusting that God will provide all they need.

- This teaches faith, hope, and dependence on God’s promises, which are sure and trustworthy.

Maranatha! — *“Come, Lord”*

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What does “Kalibu” mean? (Matthew 6:30, ESV)

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