

Where your treasure is...

Text: Matt 6:19-34

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Draw a picture of your treasure?

Do you know what God would draw? His people. He would draw you!

Our treasure is where we put our...

Preferences, position, desires, goals, ambitions, priorities,

These are a few of "my favorite things" (Sound of Music)

God's treasure is his people.

This is what lies behind the fact that our Lord wants the first place to be given to...

His...honor, word, desire, kingdom, will, communication, reasons, STANDARDS

Explains what God is doing in this world, what he wants in this world.

Recognition, respect, response, reflection

Our treasure/heart is where we concentrate and guard that which we love/desire/live for/would die for the most.

The Bible is the revelation of God. Jesus is trying to tell his followers something about what God is like, by telling them what things look like in the kingdom.

The Sermon on the Mount is about God's will. A Simple Outline--

- 5a-Blessing and new identity for followers
- 5b-Fulfillment of law so that the true intent of God is seen rather than a weak legalism
- 6a-Intentional actions
- 6b-Seeking things of true value
- 7a-Seeing God and other correctly
- 7b-Making the right choices

The Sermon on the Mount tells us to do God's will. If we do not obey the Father's will we are not His and are so displeasing to him that we will be told to depart because he never knew us (7:21)

This sermon is also about seeking the things of true value.

Three Word Pictures

YOUR BANKER

The earthly and heavenly storage places (so much stuff!) [Matt 6:19-21]

What about YOUR STUFF?

The problem with storing up treasures here on earth

 Moths destroy

 So does rust

 This world is "basic"

 The problem of thieves and robbery

So much stuff we have to build bigger barns.

The bigger barns of the 21st c. are rental storage units.

The advantage of storing up treasures in heaven is explained in 1 Pet. 1:3-4

Old man, questioned by IRS, "I sent it all on ahead."

To store up treasures in heaven means one is rich in faith toward God (Jas 2:5)

1 Tim. 6:17-19 shows how the heavenly emphasis can become a spiritual reality

Because....v 21, use the heavenly so our heart will follow.

YOUR BARRISTER

What about YOUR VALUES?

The contrast of light/dark, good/evil, generosity/stinginess [Matt. 6:22-23]

Attorneys help us with our values within the social system's definitions of what is right.

We are to foster the good, enlightened interior basis for a life that is lived out in the light, not in the darkness. (Rom. 13:11-13a)

Because v. 23, if Christians are stingy, how dark that is!

YOUR BOSS

What about YOUR LOYALTY?

The impossibility of Serving two masters [Matt. 6:24]

Obviously a servant is not like a modern American who might hold down 2-3 jobs, master vs. employer

What servants/slaves dedicate to their master....

All of their time, allegiance, loyalty, Rom. 6:16-17

The contrast between God and stuff

God is...the creator, the sustainer of the Universe, full of love and light

Mammon is...money, wealth, piling up of things/possessions, accumulation of belongs, stuff

It can become an addiction to acquire constantly more and more

Luke 12:15, Be on guard against all kinds of greed; life is not in abundance of possessions, because....you can't serve both.

Conclusion

Is it really possible to do God's will?

Yes, we can do God's will by having our treasure, and thus our heart, in heaven, not on earth.

Col. 3:1-3

Where is your eye?

Where are your affections?

Where is your mind?

Where is your heart?

Where is your treasure?