

109. Sermon on the Mount part 4, Spiritual Treasures (Matthew 6:19-34)

Prayer: Dear Lord, You made the earth and everything here. You also made heaven and You are preparing a wonderful place for us there. In this study, help us to see how You take care of us here. Help us not to worry about our life. Then we can be busy saving good things for heaven and preparing to live with You forever. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Matthew 6:19-21. Jesus said, "Don't save treasures for yourself here on earth. Moths and rust will destroy the things you save. Thieves can break in and steal your things. Instead, save treasures for yourself in heaven. In heaven, no moths or rust destroy. No thieves can break in and steal. The place your treasure is, your heart is also there."

- What kinds of treasures can we have here on earth?
- What kinds of treasures can we have in heaven?
- Jesus said treasures on earth get destroyed. Treasures in heaven continue forever. Your heart stays with your treasure. Where do you want your treasure?

Matthew 6:22-24. Jesus said, "Your eye is like a lamp for your body. If your eye is clear, then all your body is full of light. But if your eye is bad, then your body is full of darkness. If your light is really darkness, then the darkness is terrible! No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate one master and love the other master, or he will be faithful to one master and ignore the other master. You can't serve both God and things in this world."

- Jesus said your eye is like a lamp for your body. How? How does your eye let "light" into your body? What light is Jesus talking about?
- Talking about wanting worldly treasures, how are our eyes bad?
- Jesus talked about two masters. What are the two masters? Can you serve both at the same time?

Matthew 6:25-27. Jesus said, “This is why I tell you, don’t worry about your life. Don’t worry about what you will eat or drink. Don’t worry about what clothes you will wear. Life is more than food, and your body is worth more than clothes. Look at the birds. They don’t plant, they don’t harvest, they don’t store food in barns. But your Father in heaven feeds them. You are worth much more than birds, right? If you worry, can you add one hour to your life?”

- Jesus said don’t worry about...what?
- How do you know God will take care of you? What example did Jesus give?
- Before, Jesus said saving up things in heaven is better than saving up things on earth. If we worry about our life on earth, will that help us at all?

Matthew 6:28-30 Why do you worry about clothes? Look at the lilies (flowers) in the field. They don’t work, they don’t make clothes. King Solomon had great glory, but the flowers are more beautiful than his clothes. Those flowers are alive today and tomorrow burned. If God gives flowers beautiful clothes, He will truly give you more than you need, right? You have such little faith!”

- This is our real problem with worry. If we worry a lot, we have very little...what?
- Then, instead of worrying, what does God want us to do?

Matthew 6:31-34. Jesus said, “Don’t worry. Don’t ask, ‘What will we eat, or drink, or wear?’ The non-Jews look for those things. But your heavenly Father knows you need to eat and drink and wear clothes. First look for God’s kingdom and His righteousness. Then He will also give you those things you need. Therefore, don’t worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble for that day.”

- Is Jesus saying food and clothes aren’t important?
- From what Jesus said, what is most important? What should we look for first?
- Look at God’s promise in this sentence. “Then He will also give you those things you need.” What two needs will God satisfy?