

The Bulletin

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“Where Is My Treasure?” Pt. 1

By Phillip Keathley

Matthew 6:19-21 – *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 “but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

In these scriptures, Jesus helps us see the vanity in putting our trust in the things of this world. He shows us the reality of this world’s temporary and trouble-ridden life. Whereas in heaven there is no concern for decay, trouble from thieves, or any of the troubles of this life.

Let us look more closely at these scriptures and consider what Jesus is telling each of us, as we ask ourselves the question: Where is my treasure?



Are my treasures in the material things of this world?

In Matthew chapter 19, Jesus encounters a young man who asks the question, “*Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?*” (verse 16). Jesus directs his attention to the scriptures by telling the young man if he wants to go to heaven, he must keep the commandments.

After Jesus tells the commandments to the young man, we are told the following in Matthew 19:20, “*The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” 21 Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.”*

The lesson learned isn’t that having material things is necessarily wrong, but rather of where our heart is in regard to them. The young man was not happy that he was instructed to part with his possessions. To part with them would be a selfless act. Jesus’ use of the phrase “*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth....,*” is helping us see that there is something far greater than the things of this world; and being selfless is part of it.

When my treasure is focused upon me, I am not willing to selflessly give up my worldly treasure so that I can engage in the Lord’s work. The sorrow the young man had, shows that selfishness was a barrier preventing him from obeying God.

Are my treasures in my earthly achievements in life?

There are some people that can do some amazing things in this life. Some people can dunk a basketball as easily as we might dunk a cookie in a glass of milk. Some people can run for a long period of time, stretching the limits of their body. Some individuals are famous for writing novels or inventing new products that make our lives easier. Others perhaps are leaders in corporations, leading the company to financial success. While none of these examples are in themselves sinful, where my heart is in relation to them can be sinful.

If I devote all my time and energy toward achieving success in these or other areas, and never include God in my life, it will all have been for nothing. We are told in 1 Timothy 4:8, *“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”* Here we find Paul isn’t saying exercising is useless. It does have some benefits, *“profits a little”* as Paul says.

But ultimately when our life ends, and we stand before God in the Day of Judgment, it isn’t the athletic prowess that one has, or the managerial talents we possessed that will get us in to Heaven. Rather, God will be interested in whether or not our treasure was found to be in godliness. *1 Timothy 6:6 “Now godliness with contentment is great gain.”*

Am I content with serving God and laying up treasure in Heaven?

(To be continued)

GOSPEL Trey Haskett
MEETING Sunday October 21st
Monday-Friday 22nd-26th
7:00 PM Nightly

“Did Jesus Make Alcoholic Wine?”

By Greg Gwin

It is discouraging, even disgusting, to hear some brethren continue to use the same old, worn out arguments to defend “social drinking.” Is it not clear that their stubborn adherence to these discredited “proofs” is evidence of a rebellious heart? For what it’s worth, let’s cover one of these old arguments that frequently circulates. It has to do with Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee (John 2). One man wrote: “The fact that the guests said that the “best wine” was served AFTER the ‘inferior wine’ suggests quite strongly that the wine was alcoholic. It would be (and still is) normal practice to serve the ‘good stuff’ first; then after the guests get a slight ‘buzz’ (not suggesting drunkenness!) the cheaper stuff is served.” If getting a ‘buzz’ does not suggest some level of drunkenness, then what does it suggest?

But, beyond that, serving one’s best — of anything — to guests is ALWAYS the norm. If you come to my house for a cookout, I may serve steak. After that is gone I may have to fix some hamburgers. Finally, I might need to break out the hot dogs. Do you see the point? The fact that the wine Jesus miraculously produced was better than what had been served before in NO WAY proves that the former or the latter had any alcoholic content. In this case, the ruler of the feast was simply amazed that the best wine (quality, not alcoholic content) had been saved until last.

Furthermore, how could it be that our sinless Lord was supplying more wine — in fact, lots more wine (many gallons) -- to people who were already experiencing a ‘buzz?’

Someone has correctly observed as follows: "If Jesus made fermented wine for people to drink, there is nothing wrong with drinking alcoholic beverages.

Also, if there's nothing wrong with drinking it, there's nothing wrong with giving it away or selling it. Furthermore, if Jesus supplied it we ought to do the same, and follow in His steps (I Peter 2:21)." Who can believe it?

News and Notes: Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Betty Hurst, Steve Switcher, Gail Armstrong, Nicky Curtis, Martha Norvell (Mississippi Care), Charlene Newborn, Greg Fields, June Lawson (Lisa Busby's Mom), Clois Wright, Debbie Keplinger, Gaddy Hall, Madeline Flippo, Karey Trimble, Jerry Trimble, Janis Johnson, Delain Doles, and Daniel Holloway

Our Gospel Meeting with Trey Haskett begins Sunday—October 21st to the 26th.
(7:00 PM Nightly— Monday thru Friday)

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Tim Harris Sr.
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon: "What Is Saving Faith?"

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am

Paul Johnson
The Book of John (Mike Willis)
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Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Jerry Kennemur
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Lee Busby
2 Corinthians 11:1-3
Song Leader: Jerry Kennemur
Lord's Table: Fred Johnson
Assisting: Dan Cottrell & Paul Busby
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon: "Satan's Challenge to Our Belief in God"
Closing Prayer: Russell Briggs

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

September 19th:

Auditorium Bible Class: Russell Briggs
1 & 2 Kings (Mike Willis)
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Invitation: Dan Cottrell
Song Leader: Brian Meade
Closing Prayer: Tim Harris Jr.