

Where is Your Heart?

Matthew 6:19-24

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Context- After being baptized by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:13-17) and tempted by Satan (Matt. 4:1-11), Jesus has now begun His public ministry (Matt. 4:17). After calling Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John to follow Him (Matt. 4:18-22), Jesus began His ministry in Galilee. Jesus is now preaching the sermon on the mount to those who began to follow Him in Galilee.

Matthew 6:19-21—Your Heart is where your Treasure Is!

· **Store up treasures-** to keep some material thing safe by storing it, layup, storing up, gathering, saving; things which are stored up

- The treasure you store up is yours, but the destination matters.

· **Earth Vs. Heaven**

- **On Earth**

§ Things are temporary because there will be a new heaven and earth and this earth will pass away (Rev. 21:1)

§ It decays and loses its value (vs. 19)

§ People steal and can take it from you (vs. 19)

§ **Commentary-** The Pharisees believed the Lord materially blessed all He loved. They were intent on building great treasures on earth. But treasures built here are subject to decay (moth destroys cloth and rust destroys metal; cf. James 5:2–3) or theft, whereas treasures deposited in heaven can never be lost.

- **In Heaven**

§ Things are eternal in heaven

§ Heaven is where God is and what He will use for His kingdom

§ No man can steal it, nor does it decay (vs. 20)

- The storing of our treasure is based on our intent on the things we have. God will judge us and reward us based on that (1 Cor. 3:13-15)

· **Where is your Heart?**

- **Heart-** the center of man, the seat of emotions, inner man

§ The things we care about the most represent where our heart is

§ When the things we value affect the way we serve God, they become idols to us

Matthew 6:22-23—Your Spiritual Eye

· They eye in this passage represents us spiritually in how we view the world and the things we have

- A “good eye” is a Jewish idiom for liberality. It represents one who didn’t hoard the things he had but rather gave them generously
- An “evil eye” was representative of one who was a hoarder of his things and did not want to give.
- Since the Pharisees believed that God blessed them with material things, they became slaves to greed

§ **Commentary-** The Pharisees had this problem because their spiritual eyes were diseased (Matt. 6:22). With their eyes they were coveting money and wealth. Thus, they were in spiritual darkness. They were slaves to the master of greed, and their desire for money was so great they were failing in their service to their true Master, God.

Matthew 6:24—Wealth or God

· **Serve-** to act or conduct oneself as one in total service to another, perform the duties of a slave, serve, obey

· **Masters-** one who is in charge by virtue of possession, owner

- The two masters are God and Wealth

§ **Money** is the translation of the Aramaic word for “wealth or property,” *mamōna*. It is personified as an object of worship.

- **Love one, Hate the other**

§ **Hate-** to be disinclined to, disfavor, disregard in contrast to preferential treatment

§ **Love-** to have a warm regard for and interest in another, cherish, have affection for, love

§ **Devoted-** to have a strong attachment to someone or something., cling to, hold fast to, be devoted to

§ **Despise-** to look down on someone or something. with contempt or aversion, with implication that one considers the object of little value, look down on, despise, scorn, treat with contempt

○ **Which do you serve?**

§ Serving money leads to you doing evil (1 Timothy 6:10)

§ Serving God means total dependency on His character (Proverbs 3:5-6)

· When you serve God, you trust in His character, and you believe He will supply your needs (Philippians 4:19)