



MATTHEW 6

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Treasures in Heaven

INTRODUCTION

- **6:1-4 Giving to the Needy**
- **6:5-14 Prayer**
- **6:16-18 Fasting**
- **6:19-24 Treasures in Heaven**
- **6:25-34 Do Not Worry**



TREASURES IN HEAVEN, 6:19-24

- **Concept of “treasure” in Matthew**
- **Moth & consuming; thieves**
- **Store up in heaven**
- **Heart and treasure**

CONCEPT OF “TREASURE” IN MATTHEW

- **Matthew 2:11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and
- **Matthew 6:21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

CONCEPT OF “TREASURE” IN MATTHEW

- **Matthew 13:44**
- [*The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl*]
“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

CONCEPT OF “TREASURE” IN MATTHEW

- **Matthew 13:52**
- He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

CONCEPT OF “TREASURE” IN MATTHEW

- **Matthew 19:21**
- Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

MOTH AND CONSUMING

- **Job 13:28**—man's nature compared to moth-eaten garment
- Moths eat garments, think especially of silken garments in the ancient world
- **James 5:2** and its context
- Parallel in **Luke 12:33** and its context

CONSUMING

- **Isaiah 51:8**—context, and lays groundwork for understanding BROSIS (βρῶσις), “rust”
- In all other places in New Testament it is translated, meat, eating, food
- The emphasis is on something being consumed, most likely being eaten
- Emphasis is on temporary nature of what is conceived originally as treasures that one can always keep

THIEVES BREAK IN & STEAL

- Nature of thieves= **Job 24:16**
- “In the dark, thieves break into houses, but by day they shut themselves in; they want nothing to do with the light.”
- Nothing safe in this state of affairs
- Constant threat
- Creative ways to hide things from thieves

HEART AND TREASURE

- Not surprised by this emphasis on the heart
- Location of treasure indicates place of the heart
- How would you describe difference between the two treasures?

HEART AND TREASURE

- **Matthew 5:8**--Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- **Matthew 5:28**--But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

HEART AND TREASURE

- **Matthew 9:4**--Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?”
- **Matthew 12:34**--You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

HEART AND TREASURE

- **Matthew 15:8**--““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”
- Notice context and what Jesus is concerned about here

HEART AND TREASURE

- **Matthew 15:18**--But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them.
- **Matthew 15:19**--For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

HEART AND TREASURE

- **Matthew 22:37**--Jesus replied:
““Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.’”