

Introduction: Illustration of Yussif the Terrible, who drowned in the sea because his money belt was laden with gold.

What are these Heavenly treasures?

A. Speaks to us of rewards that the christian receives

in heaven

B. Everyone is fascinated with tales of hidden treas.

1. Mt. 13:44, treasure hid in a field

2. Prov. 2:4, 5, The fear of the Lord, and the knowledge of God, the hidden treas of wisdom.

3. Isa. 45:3, treasures of darkness, hidden riches.

C. Here are some true scriptural "riches".

1. Riches of wisdom & knowledge of God, Rom. 11:33

2. Riches of grace, Eph. 1:7, and "exceeding" riches of grace, Eph. 2:7.

3. Unsearchable riches of Christ, Eph. 3:8

4. Riches in glory by Christ, Phil. 4:19

5. Riches of full assurance, Col. 2:2

6. Rich in good works, 1 Tim. 6:18

7. The poor, rich in faith, James 2:5

D. Christ Himself is the true source of these and all heavenly riches.

1. Rev. 3:18, Buy of me gold that thou mayest be rich

2. Rom. 8:32, He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

E. Toys must not be counted treasures. A lady once asked two little boys, "These are your treasures, I suppose." "No, maam," answered the oldest, "these are not our treasures; these are our playthings. Our treasures are in heaven."

1. Silver and gold are not true treasures.

2. Moral goodness, spiritual beauty, righteousness of heart, Christlikeness, godliness are treas.

II. The Character of these treasures.

A. Incorruptable. 1. Not harmed by rust.

2. Like putting oranges on a damp floor. We must raise them to a higher room. Christ wants us to have our treas in heaven, not on earth.

B. No one can steal them away from us. A thief can steal a fortune in dollar bills.

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III. How can we lay up treasures in heaven?

- A. Set our affections on things above.
- B. Use our time, talents, influence, money, for the glory, as putting treasure in God's bank.
- C. By selecting for our friends and companions those who are children of God, so that each departing one is an actual increase of the holy treasure which is awaiting us in another state.

IV. The effect of these treasures on us:

- A. v. 21, "& Lk. 12:34, "there will our heart be."
- B. "No man ever went to heaven whose heart was not there before."
- B. Unity of purpose in life. vs. 23, 24.
- C. Remove worry about earthly things, vs. 25-31. also ~~Prov. 23:4~~ and I Tim. 6:6-11.
- D. Will make us rich toward God. Lk. 12:21.
- E. Will open us heaven for you; you cannot trade in France with English money; you must first get exchanged. You cannot get a ferry across the river of death to the land of Heaven by paying your fare in earthly dollars.

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