

Pastor's Bible Study

August 3, 2025

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 13

#732 “All Depends on Our Possessing”



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

Read Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

1. Read I Kings 4:22-30. What do these verses tell us about Solomon?
2. In the NIV translation, 1:2 reads, “Meaningless! Meaningless!” In the ESV (KJV) we find the words, “Vanity of vanities...” What are other words that could be used to communicate Solomon’s idea?
3. What do we learn about Solomon in 1:12-14?

4. How about in 2:3-11?
5. According to 2:18, what conclusion has Solomon arrived at after experiencing all that life could offer?
6. What lessons are gained from Solomon's words in 2:24-26?

Read Luke 12:13-21

7. What is the context for this reading? See 12:1 and 12:13?
8. What motivates the man's question in verse 13?
9. What does Jesus mean in verse 14?
10. What do Jesus' words in verse 15 tell us about the heart of the man who asked him the question about inheritance?
11. What caused the man's wealth in Jesus' parable? See verse 16.
12. How would the rich man have answered this question?
13. What was the motive behind the "bigger barns?"
14. What meaning should we derive from this famous parable?

Devotional Thought from The Lutheran Study Bible

Toil and labor "under the sun" can drive one to the brink of despair. The so-called significant things of this life can become idols that ultimately pass away and provide no lasting value in the context of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ. Our gracious heavenly Father extends His hand and provides all we need for this temporal life and life everlasting through His Son, our Lord (TLSB, 1053).

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have given us many priceless gifts by Your gracious hand. We ask not for silver or gold but for a strong and firm faith. Help us not to live for pleasure in the things of the world, but comfort and refresh us in your healing Word that in faith we may trust in You to the very end. Amen.