

# Pastor's Bible Study

September 24, 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## LSB 730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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**Read Amos 6:1-6:**

1. What is meant by Zion, Samaria and Joseph?
2. Why are the cities listed in verse 2 important for Amos' message?
3. Is God against Israel's possessions or their trust in those possessions?

**Read Luke 16:19-31:**

1. Do you think of this account as a parable? Why or why not?
2. What does the rich man think it will take for his family to repent?
3. How is the rich man's dilemma so relatable to our own time?
4. What realities of the afterlife do these words reveal?

**Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19:**

1. What connections do you see between these words and the other two reading above?
2. So often we say "money is the root of evil", however look again at verse 10 what does it actual say?
3. How is this commonly overlooked detail in verse 10 helpful?
4. What do you make of the picture of the Christian life painted in verse 12?
5. How are the words in verse 17-19 useful for us still today?

**Devotional Thought:**

Many in Israel made pampering themselves a full-time occupation, smugly imagining that material wealth was clear-cut proof that they were right with God. People today make the same mistake, interpreting their material prosperity as a sign that they need not humble themselves and turn away from complacency. However, God desires to give Himself to us. This is why His Son became incarnate for us and for our salvation (*TLSB, pg. 1467*).

**Prayer:**

Keep us, dear heavenly Father, from greed and sinful presumption upon Your grace. Lead us to humbly repent of all our sins and to set our hearts on Your Son, Jesus, whose blood cleanses us of all sin and restores us to eternal fellowship with You. Amen.