



# City On a Hill 15

Matthew 6:19-24



Mat 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill **cannot** be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.





By way of review...

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# Treasures and Treasures



- Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
- Θησαυρός thēsauros- (Strong) a deposit of wealth, (Thayer) The Place in which good and precious things are collected and laid up such as a casket, coffer, treasury, storehouse, repository or magazine.
- Is this a mandate on wealth?
  - Wealth factors into a lot of societal structure for men and women.
  - Let tangent for a moment, Wealth in the scope of manhood.
    - Represents capability, opening access to the dominance hierarchy.
    - Which Christian men have a hard time managing because of perceived tenants of Christianity.
    - Passivity, rejection of wealth (power and prestige), misconception of meekness.
  - These structures are different in the church
  - Christian Manhood should look like, capacity for danger sheathed, capable without the desire for wealth in the context of our discussion today.



# What are we talking about?

- Treasures we have stored for ourselves, and their transient nature.
- ...upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
  - Moth, the destroyer of textiles. Clothes on our back
  - Rust, The decay of time of that built to last.
  - Thief, Things immune to Moth and Rust can still be taken away.
- The inherent danger of things is that they are transient. Moving from our possession to another or to entropy.



# Not on Earth but in Heaven.



- Mat 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- Store all of your wealth (one might say trust) in heaven.
  - Their it is incorruptible
  - Their it is lasting
- What treasures might we be talking about if we are trying to be more specific.
  - Ultimately the only thing of value is the Grace and Mercy we are extended through faith by God, through the blood of his Son Jesus and the Quickening power of the Holy Spirit.
  - One could say family, friends, things that transcend time, but those treasures belong to God.



# Treasure is where our heart is.

- Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- What we prize is representative of our heart.
- Thorin Oakenshield as a cautionary tale.
- We can prize treasure above all things even God.
- But it is not a mandate on treasure or wealth.
  - It is a caution to what we put our trust in.
  - What we consider to be treasure worthy of pursuit.
  - How that treasure interacts with our relationship with God.
- It is store not, heap not, trust not. It is not do not have.



# Lights and Candles



- Mat 6:22-23 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. (23) But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!
- Light- In this context is like a lamp in a house like a candle or lantern.
- Light is the eye- Come from Jewish tradition.
  - Might think of it as the opposite of the Evil Eye.
  - Eye that looks toward benevolence not cursing, liberal kindness, dedication, giving and goodness.
- So one might say that if a person is directed in their vision toward things that are good and kind their body will follow suit.
- So to the one that looks toward darkness.



# No man can serve two masters.

- Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- The implication here is plain. You will choose to serve one if even for a short time.
- Do we indenture ourselves to:
  - That which moth and rust corrupts, and thieves can steal?
  - Or to that which is eternal transcending time itself.







We should pursue the right treasure.

We should not trust in treasures that are corrupt.

We should trust in God, through Jesus, by the Holy Spirit.

We should not be passive about this.

Life is an adventure, and what is life if we are not pursuing to slay the dragon for the treasure that it guards.



A person is kneeling in a field of tall grass, their back to the camera. Their arms are raised high, hands open, towards a bright sun that is partially obscured by a large, dark cloud. The sun creates a strong lens flare effect. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset. The person's silhouette is dark against the bright background.

Sum it up...

It is all about our hearts, and who we serve.

Hear and Do...

This is how we are light.





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