

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A JOURNEY WITH THE KING



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Jesus is preaching his first message on a hill above Capernaum (Matt. 5-7) on the north side of the Sea of Galilee. He is giving the Heavenly perspective of His kingdom in key areas (attitudes, laws, charitableness, prayer/fasting). In today's section of His sermon, Jesus talks about one of the most repeated topics in the Bible...the treasures we lay up in heaven and on earth, as well as our pursuit for _____ needs and worries (1 Tim. 6:10). Let's listen closely to today's very practical section of the Sermon on the Mount.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM (PART 5) – Matthew 6:19-34

1. Heaven's Perspective on our Treasures – v. 19-24

- **Earthly treasures ALL corrupt** (*wear down/_____*) and are laid up in main categories of clothes (*moth*), vehicles (*rust*), and houses (*thieves*) – Acts 2:27; Heb. 1:10-12; Luke 12:16-21; Job 21:13.
- **Heavenly treasures ARE incorruptible** (*do not wear down/decay*) and are laid up in Heaven for our future – v. 20; 1 Cor. 15:51-53; 1 Pet. 1:3-4, 23; 2 Cor. 4:6-7, 17-18; 1 Cor. 3:11-15.

The Crowns of Heaven

- ✓ *Crown of Righteousness*...for those who long for the appearing of Jesus Christ – 2 Tim. 4:8
 - ✓ *Crown of Life*...for those who suffer, endure, or die for Jesus Christ – James 1:12; Rev. 2:10
 - ✓ *Crown of Incorruption*...for living a life of balance, moderation, and self-control – 1 Cor. 9:25
 - ✓ *Crown of Rejoicing*...for those we helped to be saved/disciplined to grow – 1 Thess. 2:19-20
 - ✓ *Crown of Glory*...for being a shepherd (*leader*) of God's people in some way – 1 Pet. 5:1-4
- Our earthly vs. heavenly treasure pursuits/focus are mutually exclusive and either pursuit/focus can easily become all _____. Also, these opposing life pursuits are a love-hate relationship – v. 21-24; Pr. 28:22; Ezek. 8:7-12; James 5:1-3; Pr. 23:4; 1 Tim. 6:17-18.

2. Heaven's Perspective on our Needs and Worries – v. 25-34

- God is aware of all our physical _____ (*food, drink, clothing*) and promises to supply them without our worrying like the rest of the world (*Gentiles*) – v. 11, 27, 32; Luke 10:41-42; Ps. 37:25; Php. 4:19.
 - ✓ **Behold the fowls of the air** (v. 26) –
 - ✓ **Consider the lilies** (and grass) *of the field* (v. 28, 30) – Ps. 103:15-16; Is. 40:6-8; 1 Pet. 1:24
- This is the **first mention** in the Bible about the **Kingdom of God** (*spiritual kingdom inside*). We are to put our efforts toward spiritual things _____ believing God's promise that He will take care of all our physical needs – v. 33; Luke 17:20-21 (*within*); Rom. 14:17 (*spiritual*); John 4:34 (*sustaining*).
- Our main worry and focus should be on _____ issues. There are enough troubles needing our attention today without borrowing from tomorrow's troubles – v. 34; Php. 4:6-8.