

**“Solid Joys and Lasting Treasure”
Matthew 6:19-21**

1. The Admonition concerning Earthly Treasures

v. 19

(1) **Every man treasures something,
and busies his life in the pursuit of such!**

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust destroy
and where thieves break in and steal”*

- A very emphatic expression: *“treasuring up treasure”*

(2) **A pointed word to the Christian**

- **Could be rendered:** *“stop laying up”*

- **Consider immediate context!** vv. 1-18 Clearly something most detrimental to the spiritual life!

(3) **The foolishness of pursuing earthly treasures** *“where moth and rust destroy
and where thieves break in and steal”*

- Earthly treasures are all corruptible, fleeting, and insecure!

2. The Admonition concerning Heavenly Treasures

v. 20

(1) **Treasures can be laid up in heaven!**

*“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust destroys
and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*

(2) **Heavenly treasures are incorruptible, enduring, and forever secure!**

3. The Principle at Issue

*“For where your treasure is, v. 21
there your heart will be also.”*

***The “locale” of one’s treasure determines the “locale” of the heart!**

***What one treasures captivates and shapes the heart!**

(1) If my treasure is on earth, my heart will be earth-bound!

- Bound to this earth; ever seeking after things that corrupt and perish
- Seeking to secure such things in the futile attempt to make themselves secure.

(2) If my treasure is in heaven, my heart will be tasting of heaven!

- Such a one is truly free!
- Seeking that which endures
- Seeking that which is already secure by its very nature, and so can never be lost

What are the “heavenly treasures?”

- Ever deepening communion with God and Jesus Christ cf. vv. 4, 6, 18!!
- Fruits of righteousness which grow sweeter and sweeter cf. v. 33

How do I seek such heavenly treasure?

Seek Jesus Christ, communion with Him! vv. 1-18

- To do all as unto Him; seeking to please Him in all things
- To live before Him, bringing all things to Him
- To seek the priorities of His kingdom