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Riches: Spiritual or Material?

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

The Bible

1. I Sam 2:7

7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

2. Ps 24:1

1 THE earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

3. Ps 49:16-18

- 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;
- 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

4. Ps 37:16

16 A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

5. Matt 4:17 Jesus (to :)

17 Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent:

6. Matt 6:19-21, 24-30, 33, 34

- 19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
- 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:
- 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- 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.
- 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
- 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
- 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

- 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?
- 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

7. Luke 12:15-21, 34

- 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
- 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
- 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
- 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
- 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.
- 20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
- 21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
- 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

8. Luke 16:19-31

- 19 ¶ There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
- 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
- 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

- 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.
- 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
- 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
- 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

9. Prov 11:28

- 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

10. Acts 16:9, 10, 14, 15 (to 1st .)

- 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.
- 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.
- 14 ¶ And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
- 15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*.

11. Prov 11:16, 28

- 16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.
- 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

12. Prov 10:22

- 22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

13. Prov 15:6 (to :)

- 6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure:

Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 518:15-23

The rich in spirit help the poor in
 one grand brotherhood, all having the same
 Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth
 18 his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in
 another's good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea
 might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through
 21 all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied
 expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality —
 infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

2. SH 5:14

Saints and sinners get their full award, but not always
 15 in this world. The followers of Christ drank his cup.
 Ingratitude and persecution filled it to the brim; but God
 pours the riches of His love into the understanding and
 18 affections, giving us strength according to our day. Sin-
 ners flourish "like a green bay tree;" but, looking farther,
 the Psalmist could see their end, — the destruction of sin
 21 through suffering.

3. SH 54:8-13 All

All
 9 must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true
 idea of God. That he might liberally pour
 his dear-bought treasures into empty or sin-
 12 filled human storehouses, was the inspiration of Jesus'
 intense human sacrifice.

Inspiration of
 sacrifice

4. SH 8:22-24

If we turn away from the poor, we are
 not ready to receive the reward of Him who blesses
 24 the poor.

5. SH 241:5-6 (to 1st .), 9-11

Sensual treasures are laid up "where moth and rust
 6 doth corrupt." Falsehood, envy,
 hypocrisy, malice, hate, revenge, and so forth, steal away
 the treasures of Truth.

6. SH 167:32

Substituting good words for a good life, fair seeming
 168:1 for straightforward character, is a poor shift for the weak
 and worldly, who think the standard of Christian Science
 3 too high for them.

7. SH 262:17

Job said: "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the
 18 ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee." Mortals will echo
 Job's thought, when the supposed pain and
 pleasure of matter cease to predominate. They
 21 will then drop the false estimate of life and happiness, of
 joy and sorrow, and attain the bliss of loving unselfishly,
 working patiently, and conquering all that is unlike God.
 24 Starting from a higher standpoint, one rises spontane-
 ously, even as light emits light without effort; for "where
 your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The true sense

8. SH 142:11

If the soft palm, upturned to a lordly salary, and archi-
 12 tectural skill, making dome and spire tremulous with
 beauty, turn the poor and the stranger from the
 gate, they at the same time shut the door on
 15 progress. In vain do the manger and the cross tell their
 story to pride and fustian. Sensuality palsies the right
 hand, and causes the left to let go its grasp on the divine.

Selfishness and
loss

9. SH 501:1-10

501:1 Scientific interpretation of the Scriptures prop-
 erly starts with the beginning of the Old Testa-
 3 ment, chiefly because the spiritual import of
 the Word, in its earliest articulations, often
 seems so smothered by the immediate context as to
 6 require explication; whereas the New Testament narra-
 tives are clearer and come nearer the heart. Jesus il-
 lumines them, showing the poverty of mortal existence,
 9 but richly recompensing human want and woe with
 spiritual gain.

Spiritual
interpretation

10. SH 312:31-1 (to 1st .)

Jesus' spiritual origin and his demonstration of divine
 Principle richly endowed him and entitled him to sonship
 313:1 in Science.

11. SH 33:18

18 When the human element in him struggled with the
 divine, our great Teacher said: "Not my will, but
 Thine, be done!" — that is, Let not the flesh,
 21 but the Spirit, be represented in me. This
 is the new understanding of spiritual Love. It gives all
 for Christ, or Truth. It blesses its enemies, heals the
 24 sick, casts out error, raises the dead from trespasses
 and sins, and preaches the gospel to the poor, the meek
 in heart.

The holy
struggle

12. SH 34:13

If all who seek his commemoration
 through material symbols will take up the cross, heal
 15 the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ, or Truth,
 to the poor, — the receptive thought, — they will bring
 in the millennium.

13. SH 458:32-7

Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter
 459:1 to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light.
 Man then appropriates those things which “eye hath
 3 not seen nor ear heard.” Paul and John
 had a clear apprehension that, as mortal man
 achieves no worldly honors except by sacrifice,
 6 so he must gain heavenly riches by forsaking all worldli-
 ness.

Advancement by
 sacrifice

14. SH 347:14-17

12 Christ, as the spir-
 15 itual or true idea of God, comes now as of
 old, preaching the gospel to the poor, heal-
 ing the sick, and casting out evils.

15. SH 365:31

The poor suf-
 fering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace,
 366:1 patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear
 Father’s loving-kindness.

16. SH 265:3-5

Man understands spiritual existence
 in proportion as his treasures of Truth and
 Love are enlarged.

17. SH 451:14-16

Man walks in the
 15 direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure
 is, there will his heart be also.

Hymns: 224, 495, 360

#224 - Mack

O Lord, I would delight in Thee,
 And on Thy care depend;
 To Thee in every trouble flee,
 My best, my ever Friend.
 When all material streams are dried,
 Thy fullness is the same;
 May I with this be satisfied,

And glory in Thy name.
 All good, where'er it may be found,
 Its source doth find in Thee;
 I must have all things and abound,
 While God is God to me.
 O that I had a stronger faith,
 To look within the veil,
 To credit what my Saviour saith,
 Whose word can never fail.

He that has made my heaven secure,
 Will here all good provide;
 While Christ is rich, can I be poor?
 What can I want beside?
 O God, I cast my care on Thee;
 I triumph and adore;
 Henceforth my great concern shall be
 To love and praise Thee more.

#495

Holy Spirit, source of gladness,
 Come with all Your radiance bright;
 Lift all burdens and all sadness;
 O'er Your children shed Your light.

Let the Love that knows no measure,
 Now in quickening showers descend;
 Bring to us the richest treasure
 We can wish or God can send.

Send us Your illumination;
 Banish all our fears at length;
 Rest upon this congregation,
 Spirit of unfailing strength.

#360 (Hymnstream.com/Mack)

True, the heart grows rich in giving;
 All its wealth is living grain;
 Seeds which mildew in the garner,
 Scattered, fill with gold the plain.
 Is thy burden hard and heavy?
 Do thy steps drag wearily?
 Help to bear thy brother's burden,
 God will bear both it and thee.

Is the heart a well left empty?
 None but God its void can fill;
 Nothing but a ceaseless fountain
 Can its ceaseless longings still.
 Is the heart a living power?

Self-entwined its strength sinks low;
It can only live in loving,
And, by serving, love will grow.

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