

"LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN" WHY?

(Matthew 6:19-24)

INTRODUCTION

In the chapter (Matt. 6:19-34), Jesus reveals why God, the kingdom, and right living gets priority.

"Prioritize" - arrange items in order of importance; set precedence of certain items; rank by value.

REASONS FOR "TREASURES IN HEAVEN" TO BE FIRST

1. (v19-20) "... where neither moth nor rust corrupts, and where thieves do not break through and steal"

Earthly necessities of life are subject to the nature of earth:
clothes get moth-eaten; metals rust; houses get broken into.

Heavenly treasures (1 Tim. 6:17-19; Ecc. 12:13) are not subject to earth's nature.

2. (v21) "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

If you are following your heart, be sure it is going in the right direction: heavenly.

(Prov. 3:5; 4:23; 23:7; James 5:2-3)

3. (v23-24) "The light of the body is the eye ... "

The meaning is singleness of purpose, looking the right direction, no double-vision.

(Phil. 3:13-14; Col. 3:1-2)

4. (v24) "No man can serve two masters ... "

The statement is a truism: no one can be the servant of two masters; one is always less.

(Matt. 22:36-38) "... love the Lord thy God ... this is the first and great commandment ... and the second is ... " (prioritize: rank by order of importance or value)

5. (v25) "... Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?" Yes!

Jesus does not prohibit the necessities of life; He prioritizes them (God first).

(1 Tim. 5:8; Prov. 15:16; 1 Tim. 6:7)

6. (v33) "Seek ye first ... and all these things shall be added unto you"