



## **Sermon Notes:**

### **Message:**

# **You Don't Miss Your Water**

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### **Text Reference:**

Text: Luke 16: 19-24

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2016&version=KJV>

**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.

### **It's A Heart Thing**

God has led me to teach several messages concerning the church.

Specifically:

Church membership. Church fellowship.

It's has become apparent to me. The root of the issue is the heart of many.

The Goodness of God

It's one thing to not know God.

But another to know Him.

To know of His Goodness.

To know of His Grace.

To know that He is the God of a second chance.

Yet to live your life in denial of all the above.

As I prepared for this message. I believe what God revealed. The root cause of:

- Low attendance
- Lack of commitment
- Lack of supporting the Church

It stems from placing God last on the list of the things in this life.

**It's a heart problem.**

God is not a priority.

This is not a judgement but a statement of observation.

Matthew 6: 19-21

<https://biblehub.com/kjv/matthew/6.htm>

### **Treasures in Heaven**

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.

### **What is Treasure:**

Your truth,

your allegiance,

your priority,

what's important to you.

Your value system.

what you stand for.

What you listen to,

your Due North.

How you evaluate things.

Your assessment processes.

Your value system.

Your judgment system.

Your right your wrong.

Your moral guidance.

Your internal GPS.

## **Location, Location, Location**

Where have you placed it:

- Heaven: God
- Earth: Satan

Determines:

- The Condition of your treasure
- Ownership of your treasure

## **The Condition:**

the State of; the Suitableness

Moth and rust = Spoilage:

Spoilage Defined:

Food spoilage is a disagreeable change or departure from the food's normal state.

Decomposition and damage caused to food by various agents making it unfit for consumption.

Decay and smell....

## **Ownership**

Taking away coming under the possession of

Lordship of.

On earth. Influenced by Satan.

Stolen. Taken without permission.

Study Notes of Matthew 6: 19-21 Elliott Commentary:

Matthew 6: 21 **Where your treasure is.**--The words imply the truth, afterwards more definitely asserted, that it is impossible to "serve God and mammon" ([Matthew 6:24](#)).

Men may try to persuade themselves that they will have a treasure on earth and a treasure in heaven also, but in the long-run, one or the other will assert its claim to be *the* treasure, and will claim the no longer divided allegiance of the heart.

## Power Points

### #1 God and His Church are OK.

Gates of Hell will not prevail. (Matthew 16:17-19)

### #2 Don't Miss Your Water (opportunity now/eternity). There are 2 Sides to Life.

we have the account of the life two men.

Life is like a coin. It has 2 sides.

Life also has two sides.

A now and a hereafter.

A present and an eternity.

Luke 16: 25-31 KJV

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**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.

### **Live Like It**

We should live with this in our mind. In our decisions. In our choices. How we prioritize our life and our affairs.

Old Saint would say: A hell to Shun and a God to Glorify.

### **#3 His Grace is always available.**

(Never Runs Out)

Where sin abound. More Grace is made available.

### **Romans 5:20-21 KJV**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%205%3A20-21&version=KJV>

**20** Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

**21** That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who soever will let him come.

**Revelation 22:17 KJV**

<https://www.bible.com/bible/1/REV.22.17.KJV>

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.