

The Gospel of Matthew #64**Sermon on the Mount: chapter 6: LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**Overview of chapter 6

He is teaching us to live *consistently* with what we say we believe:

- An unseen eternal Kingdom of God our Home
- A heavenly **Father** Who the center of our affections & Help

But we live as practical atheists in 2 basic ways:

1. Whose FAVOR we seek: v1-18

Egs: A. Giving (v2-4) B. Praying (v5-15) C. Fasting (v16-18)

2. What TREASURES we seek: v19-34

Our preoccupation with STUFF: **A. Acquisition (v19-24)**

B. Anxiety (v25-34)

Each one cries, "More!"

Ch 5: righteousness → ch 6: **FAITH**

ACQUISITION: JESUS' 3 CONTRASTING ALTERNATIVES**CONTRASTS 2 & 3: YOUR VALUES AND YOUR MASTERS****Matt 6:22-24**

I. Where is your treasure? v19-20

Not that treasure on earth is wrong. Rather it is STUPID

Why?

It doesn't last! 1. Destroyed 2. Stolen

II. Where is your heart? v21

Your heart follows your investments

You were made for One Person: Jesus

And one Place: Heaven

Cf. Matt 13:44-46.

(I & III linked: treasure & values; II & IV linked: heart and masters)

III. What are your _____ ? v22-23

What is a good and bad eye? Clue: 20:15

What do you see/focus on?

A good eye sees true value and reality

A bad eye sees only material appearances

The Book of Revelation is to help you to "see" (Reveal-ation)

Jesus wants you to see:

1. This world is very _____. The only things that last are God's Word and people.

2. Heaven is my _____ —forever.
Live for the line, not the dot
3. You can take nothing with you—but you can _____ it on ahead (v20)
4. You send it ahead by investing in _____ , not spending or hoarding
Especially investing God's Word in people
Jim Elliot: He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

The issues are light and joy or deep darkness and misery

IV. Who is your _____ ? v24

Extreme either/or. Not “should not” but “cannot”

3 key words:

1. **Masters:** not simply boss but master who claims total allegiance for total care
2. **Hate/Love:** Semitic idiom of exaggeration to make point of heart's devotion
3. **Money/Mammon:** originally meant “something in which one places his/her confidence” → one's material possessions, or wealth

In Whom is your trust?

Where is your treasure and heart invested?

What are your values and in whom is your trust? Really?

Jesus is the only Master that can be trusted. He died for you and has your best interests at heart. And He calls you to invest your life and money for Him for eternal reward, beyond what you can now imagine.

Investment counselors show the huge payback of starting early to save for retirement.

Why wait another day to begin investing in eternity?

Matt 16:27