

Heavenly Values
Matthew 6:19 – 24
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Main Idea: We must be heavenly minded, full of light and slaves to Jesus alone.

Introduction

Jesus once again takes on worldly values and calls us to exhibit heavenly values instead. This world expects us to operate in completely different methods than God expects. They expect us to live for the moment instead of eternity when we treasure worldly possessions, open to wickedness and slaves to money. They expect us to have a price and to be willing to allow wickedness and corruption to rule our hearts. But Jesus has a different system of values his followers must have.

Matthew 6:19–21

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- I.** Our treasure is in heaven.
 - A Earthly treasure is temporary.
 - B Heavenly treasure is forever.

Matthew 6:22-23

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, **23** but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

- II.** Our goal is righteousness.
 - A We must be full of light.
 - B We must not allow wickedness to rule us.

Matthew 6:24

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

- III.** Our master is Jesus.

A We can only have one master.

B We must choose whom we serve.

Conclusion

Jesus calls us to a higher level of values that the world sees as weaknesses but God sees us strengths. He calls us to have heavenly values instead of worldly ones. Worldly treasures do not last but heavenly treasures, valuing people instead of things, last for eternity. We need to be leading people to Jesus so they will be with us in heaven. We need to be full of righteousness and God's light rather than wickedness. We must be working for Jesus rather than the Almighty God. God expects us to have heavenly standards of conduct rather than to be petty and cruel. Follow Jesus completely and use his heavenly values in our lives until he returns.