

Treasure in Heaven - cont.

and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that it is I, Jehovah, who call thee by thy name, even the God of Israel.

- Isaiah 45:3 -

in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden.

- Colossians 2:3 -

Finally, you also have the choice to “close” your spiritual account if you want to. You can live an unfaithful life and fall away from Christ (Hebrews 6:4). You can lay up treasure for yourself and not be rich toward God (Luke 12:21).

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Friend, are you treasuring up God’s wrath through your disobedience? Paul wrote:

“but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasure up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” - Romans 2:5

Or, is your treasure and your heart set in heaven? Why not open your heavenly bank account today by obeying Jesus? - Chris Reeves

- Thought of the Week -

I am going to do something this week that is very challenging. I am going to try to see myself as others see me, and more importantly, as God sees me. I don’t simply want to go through life with no self awareness of my own words and actions toward others. If I am saying and doing things to others that is causing them problems, I am going to admit it and change my behavior.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Today's Economic Crisis

We hear so much today about our nation's economic crisis. Everywhere you look there are high prices. Our nation is in great debt and the politicians keep spending your money like it's "going out of style". We wonder if there will ever be an economic recovery.

During a time when so many people are thinking about money, I ask this question: What about your "treasure in heaven"? Are you saving for eternity? Let's consider a few things about your heavenly bank account.

Your Heavenly Savings Account

First of all, you need to choose your spiritual "bank". Jesus said,

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also.
- Matthew 6:19-21 -

The apostle Paul and others wrote

about your spiritual treasures. These are the good works of obedience that you can store away and be rewarded for in the judgment day (2 Corinthians 4:7; Colossians 2:3; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Hebrews 11:26; James 2:5; 5:1-6; Revelation 2:9).

Second, after you find your spiritual bank, you need to open your spiritual bank "account". Opening your own account begins by obeying the gospel. (Mark 10:21).

Third, once you open your own spiritual bank account, you can begin making spiritual "deposits". These "deposits" are the good works you do for Jesus and others. Jesus said,

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God ... Sell that which ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that fails not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- Luke 12:21, 33-34

The Lord will remember you for your good works to others and reward you (Proverbs 19:17; Philippians 4:17; 1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Fourth, you can also make spiritual "withdrawals". You can get help when you

need it such as answers to your prayers (Hebrews 4:16). Jesus said,

The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
- Matthew 12:35 -

And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.
Matthew 13:52

Fifth, you will be paid spiritual "interest and dividends" on your account (Ephesians 1:3).

In the house of the righteous is much treasure; but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
- Proverbs 15:6 -

There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swalloweth it up.
- Proverbs 21:20 -

And there shall be stability in thy times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge: the fear of Jehovah is thy treasure. - Isaiah 33:6