

Trinity Bible Church
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 Lesson 43

Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.
 - 10. The Sermon on the Mount.
 - Q. No Parading of Good Deeds. Matt 6:1-18
 - R. Treasures In Heaven Matt 6:19-24

Matt 6:19 = The Letter of the "Law"

E.T./L.T. = Stop treasuring up treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Summary:

1. Treasures on earth are destructible and subject to loss. Jas 4:13-14
2. Again, life is more a matter of the spiritual than the physical.
3. He is addressing Jews who are most interested in the tangible nature of the Abrahamic Covenant.
4. Abraham had the proper perspective. Heb 11:13-16

Matt 6:20 = The Contrast and Reasons

E.T./L.T. = "rather treasure up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

Principle: Our motives need eternal perspectives.

Matt 6:21 = The Spirit of the "Law"

E.T./L.T. = for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Principle: Goals determine motives which establish strategy and behavior.

Matt 6:22 = Where Is Your Focus?

E.T./L.T. = "The hand-held lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

Matt 6:23 = Wandering In the Dark?

E.T./L.T. = "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Principle: Wrong goals damage spiritual sight.

Matt 6:24 = Decision Time

E.T./L.T. = "No one is being empowered to serve as a bondservant two lords; for either he will hate the one and love the other of a different kind, or he will hold to one and despise the other of a different kind. You are not being empowered to serve as a bondservant God and mammon.

Summary:

- 1. He is calling everyone to check their goals and motivations.**
- 2. Our master is what drives our thoughts, speech and actions.**
- 3. Anything gained on earth from the pursuit of mammon is subject to destruction and theft.**
- 4. We lack the inherent power to have more than one master so we must choose whom to serve. Josh 24:14-15**
- 5. Treasures:**
 - A. Moses is a wonderful example of seeking heavenly treasures instead of earthly ones. Heb 11:24-26**
 - B. When we focus on the treasures of earth we miss the treasures of heaven. Matt 19:21**
 - C. The real treasure is a rich relationship with God. Luke 12:16-21**
 - D. The fruit we bring forth is evidence of the motivation of the heart. Luke 6:44-45**
 - E. The treasures of true knowledge, understanding and wisdom are taught by the person of Jesus Christ. Col 2:1-3**
 - F. Wise men bring their treasures to the King. Matt 2:10-11**
 - G. As a disciple you bring your treasures to the kingdom. Matt 13:52**
 - H. Using your treasure for good battles evil. Matt 12:32-37**
 - I. The eternal treasure of God's light is first stored in our "earthen vessels." 2 Cor 4:6-8**
 - J. Grace is a treasure given from God. Rom 2:4-6**
 - K. Our response to His grace should be to systematically give back to Him. 1 Cor 16:2**
 - L. We are to pass on God's treasures to our children. 2 Cor 12:14-15**
 - M. The "Last Days" is marked by focus on personal human treasure. Jas 5:1-7**
 - N. God's kingdom is worth all our labor and wealth. Matt 13:44**