

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY— SESSION 9
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Homework for Matthew 6:19-34 — One Treasure — One Master — One Trust
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REVIEW

Session 8 concerns the subject of prayer. In Matthew 6:8, Jesus contrasts how His disciples should not pray ("...*Like the hypocrites*," vs. 5-7) and then introduces a pattern for prayer that is appropriate for believers of all ages. It is important to know that the tense of Jesus' words, "Pray then..." indicates that prayer *is a command to be obeyed often and continuously*. Jesus, our great example, leads the way by teaching what our attitudes and concerns should be in our prayers. As He leads, we follow— for that is what a disciple is in the true meaning of that word. Of the six requests, The first 3 concern God's honor (vs. 9-10), and the last three concern our needs (vs. 11-13).

OUTLINE ONE TREASURE - ONE MASTER - ONE PURPOSE (Mat 6:19-34)

- > Treasure in Heaven (6:19-21)
- > Divided Service (6:22-24)
- > But Seek First... (6:25-34)

INTRODUCTION (6:19-34) *"...Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.... Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*
Matthew 6:20-21, 33 excerpts

Session 9 focuses on adjusting the believer's great life priority from the corruptible treasures of the world to supreme devotion to God. Verse 25-34 provides a cure to the anxieties that are ironically produced when a person gives his energy to chase wealth. "Anxiety is one of the sad symptoms of slavery to mammon" Charles Quarles; *Sermon on the Mount*; pg. 258).

READ Matthew 6:19-34

QUESTIONS

1. Only one treasure: Re-read Matthew 6:19-21 and compare with Luke 12:33-34. Concerning wealth, what is Jesus teaching here? Write down your insights below. Then, look up the following cross-references and add to your answer: Luke 16:14; 1 Tim 6:6-8; 1 Tim 6:17; Job 1:1-3 compared with Job 42:12-13.
2. What practical ways can you lay up (or store up) treasures in heaven? (Apply this to your own life.)
3. Finally, in verse 21, what is the relationship between our *treasure* and our *heart*? Which do we attend to first?
4. Only one vision (Mat 6:22-23): *The lamp, or lens, of the body is the eye, through which all light comes to us. It is the only channel of light we possess and therefore, our only means of vision... The heart is the eye of the soul, through which the illumination of every spiritual experience shines. It is through our hearts that*

God's truth, love, peace, and every other spiritual blessing comes to us. When our hearts, our spiritual eyes, are clear, then our whole body will be full of light." (John MacArthur; Matthew 1-7; pg. 113).

Verses 22-23 of Matthew 6 compare a good eye and a bad (or evil) eye. How do these two types of vision relate to the two ways of laying up treasure? What would be the characteristics of an eye that is *good* or *clear* with an eye that is *bad* or *evil*? Deuteronomy 15:7-10; Proverbs 23:6; and Proverbs 28:22 will help.

5. Only one Master (Mat 6:24): Name the two masters Jesus mentions in 6:24? Why does He teach that these cannot be blended?

6. Looking back to verses 22-23, Jesus contrasts a *good eye* that makes the whole body "*full of light*" with a *bad eye* that makes the body "*full of darkness*." How does the word "*full*" relate to our service to either one master or two?

7. Only One Trust (Mat 25-34): What reason would you give for believing that life is more than food, and clothing?

8. What three examples does Jesus give to show God's care?

9. What is Jesus' attitude toward anxiety and worry?

11. Matthew 6:33-34 speak of having one purpose for our lives. What is the one purpose Jesus identifies as the believer's goal?

12. How might Colossians 3:1-2 relate to Jesus' command in Matthew 6:33?

13. Is it clear to myself and everybody else that my whole approach to life, my essential view of life in general and in particular, is altogether different from that of the non-Christian? If it is not obvious, what must you do to make it so?