

The Sermon On The Mount
Reward & Treasure
Matthew 6:1-4

The word reward is often translated as wage or recompense. The word treasure is always translated as treasure, it means just that, your treasure, a precious deposit. Matthew talks of reward and treasure. They are related but not synonyms. Your reward is not your treasure. Today we want to explore how one is a means to the other or perhaps more precisely, one provides access to the other. Eternal life is a gift that is not dependent on how hard we work or how long we work. Eternal life is our reward, Christ is our treasure.

John 6:28 Then they said to him, **“What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”**

John 6:29 Jesus answered them, **“This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.**

Matthew 5:3 **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5:20 For I tell you, unless your **righteousness exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, **you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5:48 **You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

Matthew 6:1 **“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.**

Matthew 6:2 **“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.**

Matthew 6:3 **But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,**

Matthew 6:4 **so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.**

Matthew 19:16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “**Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?**”

Matthew 19:17 And he said to him, “**Why** do you ask me about what is good? **There is only one who is good.** **If you would enter life, keep the commandments.**”

Galatians 2:16 yet we know that a person is **not justified by works** of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be **justified by faith in Christ** and **not by works of the law**, because **by works of the law no one will be justified.**

Matthew 19:18 He said to him, “**Which ones?**” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,

Matthew 19:19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 19:20 The young man said to him, “**All these I have kept. What do I still lack?**”

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said to him, “**If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor**, and you will have *treasure* **in heaven**; and come, **follow me.**”

Matthew 19:22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had **great possessions.**

Matthew 19:23 And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a **rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 19:24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a **rich person to enter the kingdom of God.**”

Matthew 19:25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “**Who then can be saved?**”

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**”

Matthew 19:27 Then **Peter said** in reply, “**See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?**”

Matthew 19:30 But **many who are first will be last, and the last first.**

Matthew 20:1 “For the **kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house** who went out early in the morning to **hire laborers for his vineyard.**

Matthew 20:2 After agreeing with the laborers **for a denarius a day**, he sent them into his vineyard.

Matthew 20:3 And going out about the **third hour (9 am)** he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

Matthew 20:4 and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and **whatever is right I will give you.**’

Matthew 20:5 So they went. Going out again about the **sixth hour (noon)** and the **ninth hour (3 pm)**, he did the same.

Matthew 20:6 And about the **eleventh hour (5 pm)** he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘**Why do you stand here idle all day?**’

Matthew 20:7 They said to him, ‘**Because no one has hired us.**’ He said to them, ‘**You go into the vineyard too.**’

Matthew 20:8 And **when evening came**, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘**Call the laborers and pay them their wages**, beginning with the last, up to the first.’

Matthew 20:9 And when **those hired about the eleventh hour came**, each of them **received a denarius.**

Matthew 20:10 Now when those **hired first came**, they thought they would receive **more**, but each of them also received a denarius.

Matthew 20:11 And on receiving it **they grumbled at the master** of the house,

Matthew 20:12 saying, ‘**These last worked only one hour**, and **you have made them equal to us** who have **borne the burden of the day** and the scorching heat.’

Matthew 20:13 But he replied to one of them, ‘**Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?**

Matthew 20:14 Take what belongs to you and go. **I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.**

Matthew 20:15 **Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’**

Matthew 20:16 So **the last will be first, and the first last.**”

Luke 23:43 And he said to him, “**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**”

Matthew 13:44 “**The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.**

Colossians 2:2 that their **hearts may be encouraged**, being knit together in love, **to reach all the riches** of full assurance of **understanding** and the **knowledge** of **God’s mystery, which is Christ,**

Colossians 2:3 **in whom are hidden all the treasures** of wisdom and knowledge.

Matthew 6:21 For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

Philippians 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the **surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.** For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that **I may gain Christ**