

# Andrés Scheffer: The Treasury of Faith (18/8/18)

1 Timothy 2:3,4 - God's will is for everyone to be saved! Jesus' sermon is as relevant today as it was then because He still wants everyone to be a part of the kingdom.

The passage of consideration today will be Matthew 6:19-34. We will be splitting the passage up into its 4 main questions:

1. Where is your investment? (Matthew 6:19-21)
2. How is your vision? (Matthew 6:22,23)
3. Who would you serve? (Matthew 6:24)
4. Do you trust in the Lord? (Matthew 6:25-34)

## Where is your investment?

Matthew 6:19-21 - *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but 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."*

Illustration: Cristiano Ronaldo (a superstar in the soccer world), was playing for a team called Real Madrid (Spain) for a salary of over 100million euros. He has recently accepted a new position with a team called Juventus (Italy) for even more!

Where is your investment? Is it on earth? Where things destroy. Or is it in heaven?

- *"A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next."* Ellen White, Maranatha pg 224
- Zechariah 9:16 - *"The Lord their God will save them in that day, as the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, lifted like a banner over His land"*
- *"The disciples of Christ are called His jewels, His precious and peculiar treasure. He says, "They shall be as the stones of a crown." "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." Zechariah 9:16; Isaiah 13:12. Christ looks upon His people in their purity and perfection as the reward of all His sufferings, His humiliation, and His love."* Ellen White, Thoughts from the Mount of

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- *"We are permitted to unite with Him in the great work of redemption and to be sharers with Him in the riches which His death and suffering have won."* Ellen White, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing pg 89

"Gold and precious stones are not treasures in heaven... But a repented soul who accepted Jesus and followed Him is the real treasure!" Andrés Scheffer

### **How is your vision?**

Matthew 6:22,23 - *"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 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 that darkness!"*

- The Greek word for "good" = "single." This means that we do not have double-vision! Illustration: Andrés without glasses sees double. His eyes are not single/focussed on an object. We, like Andrés need Jesus to help us to have focus.
- *"Singleness of purpose, wholehearted devotion to God, is the condition pointed out by the Saviour's words. Let the purpose be sincere and unwavering to discern the truth and to obey it at whatever cost, and you will receive divine enlightenment."* Ellen White, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing pg 91
- *"If we do not choose to give ourselves fully to God then we are in darkness."* Ellen White, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing pg 92
- Psalm 119:105 - God's word provides us with clear vision.

### **Who would you serve?**

Matthew 6:24 - *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*

- Serving God is antithetical to serving the things of this world. There is no middle ground! You are either all in with God, or you are all out.

- 1 John 2:15,16 - The things of the world are "not of the Father."

## **Do you trust in the Lord?**

Matthew 6:25,34 - *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

- God takes care of the beautiful birds, children, and flowers. He maintains it all!

Illustration: Story about a scientific discovery that Andrés' brother Ricardo made (listen to sermon for details). Our eyes are designed to see green and blue the best! God has created this world so as to give us the best possible chance at joy and happiness.

- *"God's law is the law of love. He has surrounded you with beauty to teach you that you are not placed on earth merely to delve for self, to dig and build, to toil and spin, but to make life bright and joyous and beautiful with the love of Christ."* Ellen White, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing pg 97

- God created these things to teach us that there are simple joys all around us!
- Matthew 6:33,34 - We must set our priorities right. A relationship with our Maker is the important!
- Instead of worrying, we should replace worry with trust.

Pastor C.D.Brooks once said: "Our God whom we serve neither slumbers nor sleeps. You don't have to wake Him up. He doesn't have to clear His head. Twenty-four hours a day heaven is opened for business."

### **Conclusion:**

*Psalm 23:1-6 - "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever."*

This whole passage is amazing because it tells of God's shepherd-like care for us. But the part that I learned only recently is this bit about God 'anointing my head with oil.' In the old times the sheep would sometimes get these insects nesting in the wool on their heads. The insect would lay its eggs there and when they would hatch the worm would crawl up the sheeps head, through its eye and into its brain. As the worm would eat at the sheeps brain the sheep would go mad and one of the things that it would do is to bash its head against the rocks. Eventually the worm, unless the sheep beat the worm to it, would kill the sheep. What the shepherd would do prevent his sheep from getting hurt was to pour olive oil over the sheeps head 'anointing it.' This deterred the insects (because they didn't like the oil), whilst also making it easier for the sheep to get rid of them if they did land there (because they wouldn't get caught up in the wool as easily).

Jesus, as the "good shepherd," is much like this to us. He offers to protect us from all influences that would seek us harm. Will you let Him anoint your head with the oil of gladness today?