

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

How are you this morning? I trust you had a good night. I trust you are alive and ready to hear what the Lord has to say to your heart. Have you given Him this day? Have you made yourself available to Him? In the blackest situation, are you ready to see that He is Light in this dark world?

I am reading this morning from **Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6**. And I am reading from **verse 19** -

**19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal;**

**20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:**

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

This is a very serious subject at the present time. Perhaps you have known something of thieves breaking into your home or perhaps you know of somebody, who is in a similar plight. It is a very sad thing for the things that often have sentimental value apart from monetary value, suddenly are not there. Have you ever thought of the fact that if you were to go out of this life today, you would not be able to bring any

of it with you? Naked, we came into the world and naked we will go out of the world, we are told in the Word. Therefore, there is nothing wrong in what we have; it is what we have in its effect on us, pulling us as a slave to the very thing that is supposed to be for our use. Have you realized that time and time again, you have an envious spirit? Perhaps you see what a neighbor has and you would like those kind of curtains? Or maybe you are jealous about something that is going on in her life that you would like? Before you realize it, your treasures have nothing to do with the Lord; your **treasures** have everything to do with the things of this life!

I was talking today to a lady, who lived in Uganda when it was the Pearl of Africa. She described how the streets were beautifully paved. She told of the buildings and the lovely beautiful array of everything from one end of the country to the other. I had reported what it was like to be in Uganda several years ago now after two million people had died. There was total devastation, when it was impossible to find food or drink, when there was disrepair to the roads and every building that one could see, including the Entebbe Airport.

I want you to know that we can be a nation that has everything and be reduced to nothing. This has happened many, many times in history. We can have a glorious home and it can be reduced to nothing. We can have our fine possessions and they can be taken away. But the

treasure that will never be taken away is what is being laid up forever in heaven. We are commanded of the Lord to love the Lord our God with all our heart. When you love the Lord your God with all your heart, you have a single eye; you have a generous eye; you have a concern for others. You do not have an evil eye, which is selfish and stingy and withholding. You can't serve two masters; you can't be seeking the things of the world and what you can get from this world, and, at the same time, be serving the Lord. It is an important thing for you and I to realize today that God is asking that our **treasures (be) in heaven.**

What are you doing about that treasure? Are you praying for the people who need the Lord Jesus? Are you involved in reaching lives in very sad situations? Are you ready to be a vessel for the Lord to build up for the kingdom of God those things that will stand forever as people come to know the Lord through you? Are you willing to say, *Yes, Lord. That is where my treasure is going to be. I want it to be forever in heaven.*

Will you say this prayer today - *Lord, forgive me for the selfishness of my existence. Forgive me that I have always thought about what I can get, what I need, and what is nice around me. Today, I want my treasure to be where You want it to be. For, with all my heart, I want to love You. I want to build up in the kingdom of God that which will last*

*forever. And to this end, I make my life available.*

*In Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*