

The Divine Layaway Program

Matthew 6:19-20

19) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth...

20) ...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...

Our sermons transcend this venue called time. They have their destination in eternity. Indeed every message ever preached will meet us again and again in the eternal. Messages forgotten. Messages concealed in part now will be fully realized over there. For now, we only know in part, but one day what currently hides in the shadows of time as it were, will be manifested in the fullest of the eternal spiritual light. For heaven and earth shall pass away, and one day, every element of this physical universe will be dissolved. However, His written precepts and spoken logos will forever remain. Somewhere out in the heavens above even now are the anointed messages of yesteryear's prophets and men of God that walked among us.

Joining in the chorus of that spiritual sound of many waters are also the all-night prayer meetings. Intercessory prayers were offered. Travailing interludes of passionate spiritual intensity enjoyed now are also being submitted to that celestial storehouse where our treasures are eternally secure in every mid-week Bible class, conference messages, revival sermons, home Bible studies, words of instruction in righteousness, reproofs, rebukes, testimonies, along with counselings and exhortations galore. All safely stored up on the other side. Indeed we are laying up treasures in heaven.

If our prayers, as we are taught in Scriptures to believe, those prayers of godly saints, are bottled up and destined to be poured out upon the altar in heaven one day, how much the more are the words of those righteous men of God, who through lips of clay spoke as God moved upon their hearts. I thank God for every written and spoken message ever recorded. For every word that proceeded from the mouths of real men of God as they reached into the fire to pull me out. Men who dared to preach to us. Sacrificing their own personal comfort and assuming the high risk and probabilities of getting burned themselves, still yet they were willing to reach into the flames with compassion pulling for me. It not only makes a difference now, but it will pay great dividends in eternity.

However, my thankfulness goes even further; I thank God for those individuals who not only preached those sermons; but daily lived what they preached: a living sacrifice that was holy and acceptable unto God. So today, we preach not only to save the hearers of our sermons, but we preach to save ourselves from this untoward and swerving generation. Today we fight on, not as one that beats the air, but we earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints of old, knowing that any potential small eternal reward awaiting us in our tomorrows is much greater than all earthly sacrifices in this life today.

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