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Matthew 6:19-24

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Man was created by God and for God. He was created and given dominion over all the earth. The animals, the birds, the plants and all living things. Every resource that was to be found in and on the earth was man’s to labour and toil over. It was given to man as a blessing.

Yet because sin entered man as man yielded to the temptation of the evil one, man became separated from God and His intensive purposes for him.

The freedom man had changed from a walk in the park with God to a labour intensive life on earth as the influence of darkness entered into the equation. Through sin, man lost his direct connection with God and can only be restored through the accepting of Jesus Christ the atoning sacrifice for man’s sin.

At the height of all the issues that keeps man separated from walking in the park with God is greed. When you think of it, greed was what drove man to eat that which was forbidden because ‘he would be like God’. Over the years since creation mans greed has driven him to great lengths to destroy and make profit from his dominion over the earth and all that is within it.

This greed, I believe, equates to the opening verse of the suggested reading that says; “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.”

We need to remind ourselves not to take advantage of others, not to become the destroyers of things either of this earth or of society but to become restorers because our Heavenly Father is in the prime business of restoring everything to Himself.