

Treasure

Part One – Finding Our Treasure in Heaven

Matthew 4:1-11

- ¹ ¶ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
- ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”
- ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,
 “Man shall not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
- ⁵ ¶ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple
- ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,
 “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
 ¶ and
 “‘On their hands they will bear you up,
 lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”
- ⁷ ¶ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
- ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.
- ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”
- ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,
 “‘You shall worship the Lord your God
 and him only shall you serve.’”
- ¹¹ ¶ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Valuable treasure is rarely easy to find, so it stands to reason that our Heavenly Treasure may also be allusive and at times hard to find. Consider Matt 4:1-11

There are three temptations of Christ, what are the distinct categories:

1. _____ Jesus declared that we are better off to obey and depend on God, waiting on His provision, than to grab satisfaction for ourselves when and as we think we need it. Duet 8:3
2. _____ Having failed to induce Jesus to use His divine powers to serve His own self-interests and thereby rebel against the will of His Father, Satan proceeded to tempt the Son to put His heavenly Father’s love and power to a test. Duet 6:16
3. _____ “Why should you have to wait for what is already rightfully yours?” he suggested to Jesus. “You deserve to have it now. Why do you submit as a Servant when you could reign as a King? I am only offering you what the Father has already promised.” Duet 6:13

What clues can we find in this passage concerning our pursuit of Heavenly Treasure?

How does this passage relate to our study of Sin?
