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## Jesus at the Treasury

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"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." Mark 12:41-44.

Good morning, friends. I hope this short scripture reading will prove a blessing to you and I believe if we will give heed to it, it will. Very rarely do we think of Jesus as sitting there by the treasury where the folks came to cast in their offering. I suppose we prefer to think of Him as being elsewhere. We like to think of him as a babe at Bethlehem. How wonderful. The prophecies were fulfilled concerning his birth and there was born the Saviour as promised, whose name should be called Jesus. He was going to save his people from their sins. I believe he did that too! Let us remember, Jesus is not a baby any more. Many things have happened since that unforgettable announcement by the angels to the shepherds on the hills of Judea, that a Saviour was born and they were told how to find him.

Then we like to think of the many miracles he did, in raising the dead, unstopping the deaf ears, healing the leprous men, opening the blinded eyes, turning the water into wine, casting out the devils into the swine where they ran

violently down the hill into the sea where they were drowned. We are overjoyed to know that he called the children to him, took them up in his arms and blessed them. It was then he said: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Mark 10:15-16

We often think of the supreme price of our salvation which Jesus paid for us-- the suffering and agony as he prayed in Gethsemane, the betrayal and forsaking by his own, his unfair trial before Pontius Pilate, his crucifixion and death as he hung on the cross. How can we ever forget those words: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt. 27:46 or those of John 19:30--"It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." As we think of these dark hours in our Saviour's life, we draw strength from his suffering and victory even for our own hours of trial. We receive new courage to press on not looking at the temporal things which are seen, but at

those things which are not seen--the eternal. There on that "Hill far away stood the old rugged cross." It was there the price of our eternal redemption was paid. We are glad for that sacrifice without spot or blemish.

Think of the joy as we thrill to the passage in Luke 28--"And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

These are the things in the life of Jesus which move our hearts both to solemn reflection of the cost of our redemption, and also to the joy of being included in his great plan of salvation. That is wonderful!

But allow me to go back now to my first scripture: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." Can we be partakers of the heavenly and spiritual and our pocketbooks not be affected? I don't believe so. Let us remember Jesus is sitting over against the treasury today. He sees how we get our money and for what means we dispose of it! Our pocketbooks and checkbooks are under his inspection. I understand that thousands of tiny microbes sometimes attach themselves to money and there is danger of contacting diseases because of these germs, if paper bills are placed in the mouth.

But far more dangerous than diseases of the body are the diseases of the soul. And these spiritual diseases are brought on by the "love of money, which is the root of all evil"--1 Tim. 6:10. Many of those diseases are brought on because of this very thing. This eager ambition to get money by whatever means possible is a plague which has seized upon many souls. It drags them down to crimes which are even a shame to mention. It is a canker eating away at the heart of America. Those who are covetous are never satisfied. Do you know what the answer of the rich man would be to the question "How much is enough?" He would say, "Just a little more."

But let me assure you the all-searching eyes of God are running to and fro throughout the earth to find those whose hearts are perfect toward him. He desires to show himself strong in their behalf. God sees how much we lay by for ourselves and He knows how much we give willingly to the cause of Christ and for the salvation of souls.

God sees the thousands of dollars that go to the support of the tobacco industry, and he knows the disastrous effects of those who use it. Personally, I would not want to be responsible for either, those who sell it, or the ones who use tobacco. I wouldn't want to spend the Lord's money in that way. God also knows about the drug pushers and users and how much money is spent for these evils which plague our nation. To those who would legalize abortion and the indiscriminate use of drugs, let me leave with you this scripture: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs. 14:34. There comes a time in the life of individuals and nations, as to whether they are going to choose the ways of the Lord and do righteously, or the evil ways of

sin and reproach! Which will it be?

Then there are those who would say, "But just look at the revenue and the finances we would get from the legalizing of gambling and the use of drugs. Think of how much money we would drag in for the government." To this line of reasoning let me give you this scripture: "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Proverbs 16:8.

God is aware of the huge profits of the brewers and distillers of wine, beer, and whiskey and the lives which are suddenly taken daily by the accidents caused by drinking drivers. Remember Christ is sitting over against the treasury!

Jesus noticed that some of the rich gave large sums. Do you suppose it was to have the honor and praise of men that they gave? Would they have given if no one had... been there to see them give? It's possible, but on the other hand some may have been giving to have the praise and honor of men.

The Bible teaches gospel giving, and it is not limited to a percentage of what you have or earn. In reality, all that you own belongs to God. Are you willing for him to use it as he wills? God can take the "widow's mite" and do great things when it is given as unto the Lord. The noted song writer, Frances Haver-gal, put it this way:

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold,  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

Let us pray. Our father, bless the message to the good of every listener. May we give our best to the cause of God and for the salvation of souls. Encourage everyone to be faithful as good stewards of the grace of God and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

To those who would like to write us here is the address: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma..

Here is a song "After All"

The singers are Lynn & Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry and Edgar Martens.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless you and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

## Testimonies

From Illinois: "I still love the Lord and thank him for salvation that saves from sin and I love him more every day. I have been wanting to write you ever since the Myrtle camp meeting. It was sure good to see all the saints and to hear the good preaching and singing and see so many I had read about... I haven't been feeling too good as my feet and legs are swollen so bad. I quit my job but I know God will supply my needs for he said he would and I believe it for every promise in the book is ours if we will obey his word. We had a good prayer service today. I sure thank God for Sister Thelma, Mary, Delmer and Linda. They are such a blessing to me and Sister Grace. Brother and Sister Matlock were here today and they said they really enjoyed the Myrtle camp meeting and they went back the next week end... Please remember my dad in prayer. I feel like God is answering prayer for him... Yours in Christian love, "--Sister Mildred Snell

From La.: "Dear friends, I do hope that you will forgive me for not writing sooner. I have been very busy trying to get myself situated since leaving Angola State Prison. I have not been able to find the kind of job that I'm qualified for because I had once been in prison. However, I am still keeping my faith in God for I know he will always be with me. Please pray for me that I might continue with Him. Please continue to send me the Mission Trail here at my new address... Give my Christian love to all and may God bless you all."

--Monsanto Nesbitt

P.S. I have planned to be married November 19, 1972. If you can I would like someone from the Mission Trail to attend.

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From Okla.: "Greeting in love to your family. I am feeling very well today, still saved and living for the dear Lord. I still enjoy reading the Mission Trail paper. I hope you all are enjoying the blessing of the Lord and the best of health. From your sister as ever, pray for me."

--Mary May

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From N. Mex.: "Only trust every one is well and happy in the Lord as I do believe--am praising the dear Lord for all his goodness and mercy in every time of need, hearing and answering our prayers. I just thank him for all the many blessings... the good Lord bless you each one is my prayer. Christian love,"

--Ruth Doolittle

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From Ill.: "I have some unspoken requests I would love for all the dear saints to be agreed in prayer for me. I hope you can read this letter. I can hardly write since I broke my arm, but thank the dear Lord I can write as good as I can. Please do pray for me and tell all the saints to pray for me..."

--Sis. Iva Boling

From Ark.: "I am sorry I have neglected so long about sending in an offering to help a little in the Lord's work. I do enjoy reading the Mission Trail paper. I hardly ever put it down until I have read it through. It is a comfort to me in my lonely hours to read the good messages and the testimonies of the dear saints... the 6th dear Oliver will be gone 10 mos. and oh, how I miss him. If he had lived until the 10th of Sept. he would have been 91 yrs. The greatest desire of my life is to live so I can meet all the dear loved ones that have gone on to be with Jesus where we won't be lonesome any more, where all will be joy and gladness."

--Sister O. B. Dotson

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From Okla.: "I am thankful for the goodness of our God. For his loving kindness and tender mercies we give thanksgiving. Sometimes we meet up with difficulties, but the Word of God has always an answer. The meditation of my heart is: 'But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.' It was good for Paul and it is good for us... Pray for us."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Okla.: "I am sending a little to help. I do enjoy the paper, read it as soon as I get it. I do hope and pray all stay well. I was 91 in August, but keep busy. The dear Lord is so good to me."

--"Grandma" Mattheson

# at press time

we understand:

From Ohio: "Tomorrow is the 31st. One year has passed since we lost Sister Meek. Time is going on. It waits on no one. We will soon be married one year. Thank God for his rich blessings to us. This has been one precious year... We have been drawn closer to God. I feel we have been a great help to each other. We want to be all the help to others that we can be. The need is so great back here and so few come back this way till we are so glad for saints or ministers to visit us any time... We have not moved but they have changed the number of our street from 5824 to 5252 Wadsworth Road."  
--William A. and Evelyn McCoy, 5252 Wadsworth Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45414

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From Pa.: "Today finds me still pressing on the narrow way. Sometimes it seems I would faint and fall, but my Savior is with me to hold my hand in His big hand and I go on loving Him more and I do want to live closer to Him."  
--Sister Eva Cox

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From New Mex.: "I got home all OK. We have had some good rains. I got sick and had some very bad pain between my shoulders and I went to praying and God heard me and it was all gone in a few hours. God said he would hear his people."  
--Bro. E. B. Weir

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From Miss.: "We do thank the Lord for all his blessings. John has been very sick with shingles. He is much better, thank the good Lord... Pray for us."  
--John and Rosa Watson

"Dear ones, I want to thank everyone of you for the beautiful cards and letters and for the words of encouragement and for your prayers. They all have been a blessing and help to me in my great loss of my son and I so much appreciate what everyone has done for me in the loss of my son, also my companion. I pray God bless each one. I tried to answer every letter but if I have failed I did not mean to. Keep praying for me."  
--Your Sister Becky Barnes

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From La.: "... Still enjoy reading the Mission Trail. If I fail to hear it over the air I enjoy reading the message in the paper. Enjoy the letters from the different ones, too, in the little paper. ... Remember us in your prayers. We still have a firm desire to live for the Lord. We want to make Heaven and also want to help someone else make it too. Christian love,"  
--Manuel Mitchell

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From Mo.: "I'm encouraged to live for the Lord... He knows our heart. I want to draw closer to Lord each day. May the Lord bless you in His work. Pray for me."  
--Lily Mae Glass

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"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up..." Matt. 24:6-8



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

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