

We See Gospel Appeals in the Saviour’s Parables.

This week – We start a new series of lessons based on some Parables of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Rich Fool said, “I will say to my soul, Soul ...
take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”
But God said unto him, “Thou fool, this night thy soul
shall be required of thee”** *Luke 12 v19,20.*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 12v1-14 (All shall be revealed)	
Monday	Luke 12v15-31 (How foolish to live without God)	
Tuesday	Luke 12v32-40 (Where is our treasure?)	
Wednesday	Matthew 6v19-34 (Lay up treasure in Heaven)	
Thursday	1 Samuel 25v1-13 (Nabal is selfish and greedy)	
Friday	1 Samuel 25v14-31 (Abigail kindly helps David)	
Saturday	1 Samuel 2 v32-42 (God’s judgement on Nabal)	

Important Thought for us Today: Have You Treasure in Heaven? Treasure causes us to think of something very precious and of tremendous value. ‘Treasure in Heaven’ speaks to us of God’s eternal blessings and reward - that which is lasting and very worth investing in.

In contrast ‘Treasures of Earth - This Life’, are short-lived, temporary - bringing no eternal blessing. Time is wasted in foolishly seeking to try to satisfy our soul’s deep need through gaining wealth, possessions, careers, and chasing worldly pleasure – hoping that our good works will please God.

So, seek for yourself Heaven’s eternal, lasting treasure. What could be more precious than having the joy of knowing sins forgiven, peace with God, and a place in Heaven? Knowing Christ as Saviour, and serving Him, brings to our soul the enjoyment of God’s love, mercy and kindness in saving us, and His leading, guiding, and supporting us as we live in this sin-sick world.

This is treasure indeed!

Hymn 1v1. *The Lord’s blessing to those who repent/believe but judgement to those who will not.*

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| 1. How blest are they who turn to God,
Forsaking sinful ways;
Renouncing haunts of worldly minds,
And unbelieving days. | 4. But those who to this boasting world
Commit their hope and trust,
The coming Day shall drive away,
Like worthless chaff, or dust. |
| 2. They make the teaching of the Lord
Their quest and great delight;
And to its guidance daily turn,
With ever clearer sight. | 5. O mighty grace, that we may stand
Among the sons of love!
When Christ the Lord, our coming King,
Shall lift our souls above. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Rich Fool.

- **Why Did the Lord Jesus Teach this Parable?**
 - God, our Creator, made us to glorify Him and to enjoy Him forever. Without the Lord we live in direct opposition to all that He intended for us. **The Lord warns us of eternal disaster if we live only for earthly pleasure.**
- **The Rich Man’s Outlook on Life Mirrors Our Outlook.**
 - He asked himself, “What shall I do?” He answered himself, “This is what I will do.” He did as he wanted with no reference to His Creator God’s will for his life. **Do we determine our lives by ourselves, or do we look for help from our Creator God?**
 - He focused on his **earthly** life alone, presuming he had a long life ahead of him - taking his satisfaction from, “**much goods laid up for many years**”.
 - He reduced life to pleasure and fun saying ‘**Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry**’, forgetting that “**this night thy soul shall be required of thee**” when he would enter **eternity** to meet The Lord God as his judge. **Is this short, brief life more important to us than our meeting with God at death and where we are to spend eternity?**
 - He saw his possessions as his by right (“**My barns, My grain, My goods**”) and did not recognise that everything he had was provided by God’s kindness. He stole God’s blessings - refusing to thank or acknowledge his debt to God. **Do we remember and give thanks to the One Who has given us everything? Or do we take it for ourselves and enjoy it without gratitude to God Who provides all things?**
- **Disaster Struck That Very Night – God Took His Soul.**
 - At death all worldly possessions are left behind, they have no spiritual worth
 - He was spiritually bankrupt, having nothing to cause God to accept him into Heaven. We need the Righteousness of Christ credited to our ‘account’.
- **Learn from this man’s example and don’t be called a Fool by God.**
 - God calls those who ignore Him, fools - those who set their hearts to seek after this world’s goods and spend their energy in its’ sinful pleasures. **How foolish we are to say in our hearts, “There is no God.”**
- **We Need to Be Rich Towards God By Trusting In The Lord Jesus Christ.**
 - When we repent of our sin, believing that Christ died for us on Calvary to take the guilt of our sin away, replacing it by His righteousness, **then** we are rich towards God. **‘Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling.’**

Wise Solomon wrote, “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel (listens to and obeys God’s word) is wise.” Proverbs 12v15.