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**...THOU FOOL, THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE:**

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SCRIPTURE READING: **LUKE 12:16-34**

**Luke 12:16-20**, And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: **17** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? **18** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. **19**.And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. **20**. But God said unto him, **Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee;** then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

## 1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message February 14, 2021

## 2. INTRODUCTION

Refer to the morning message February 14, 2021

## 3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

**h. The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:...**

- Luke 12:16-17**, And he spake a parable unto them, saying, **The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully;** **17:** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
- When the Lord blesses believers and unbelievers, many times it takes our heart and mind away from the things of God.
- God had blessed many people, even in this congregation, abundantly.
- Now they refuse to do the work of God. They chose to allow the cares of the world to take them away from the things of God. **Matthew 13:22**, He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.
- Many have gotten out of the will of God completely.
- Here is a man that had a problem with "I."
- Anytime we get "I", "I", "I" we have a problem.
- The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:** - If the ground brings forth plentifully, God is blessing. **Deuteronomy 8:18**, **But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is**

*this day.*

9. The Lord brought forth much for this man until he had no room to store his goods.
10. It is amazing how people change when they get a few dollars in their pocket.
11. We have no time for God, we think we can treat people anyway we want to, and our money will take care of business.
12. One of these days' health and strength will fail. The ability to even make that money might diminish.
13. Only what you do for God is what will last and that is what counts. **Matthew 6:33, *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.***
14. My friend, where do you stand in this process?

**i. ...Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee:...**

1. **Luke 12:18-21, *And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19: And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20: But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21: So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.***
2. This is where the rubber meets the road.
3. Notice a couple things about this man.
4. He would have been considered a good neighbor. He was a good man; the kind that you would trust your family with, a notable citizen and well liked.
5. Notice God calls him a fool because he did not have his priorities in order.
6. He took credit for all the things God had blessed him with.
7. This man finds himself with so much he has nowhere to store it.
8. He decides to eat, drink and be merry. This is the philosophy of life today: eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die and when we die, we are dead like a dog believing there is no judgment to follow. **Hebrew 9:27 *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:***
9. This is certainly not true considering God's Preserved Word.
10. God calls this man a fool because this man says ***I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.***
11. God comes back and says **Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee:**
12. **then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?** – The wisest man who ever lived outside of Jesus Christ says in **Ecclesiastes 2:18-19, *Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. 19: And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.***
13. My friend, where is your treasure?
14. God says where our treasure is there will our heart be also. **Matthew 6:21, *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.***

15. This rich young fool's treasure lied in what he had. **21: So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**
  16. How do we become rich in the Lord?
  17. We get our priorities in order. We get the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives. When we do so we will lay up treasures in Heaven. **Matthew 6:19-20, Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:**
  18. We should give God His rightful portion. We should support ministries that are getting the Gospel to a lost and dying world. On the first day of the week, we need to lay aside as God has prospered us. **1 Corinthians 16:2, Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.**
  19. We should be involved in a local church where people are being converted to the Saviour.
  20. This young man had his priorities mixed up. Do you have your priorities mixed up; my friend, are you taking God's valuable time and spending it on yourself which is of no value? **Ephesians 5:16, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**
- j. ...life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.**
1. **Luke 12:22-24, And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23: The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. 24: Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?**
  2. In other words, order your priorities according to His Word. **Psalms 119:133, Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.**
  3. God has some things to say about the rich. There is nothing wrong with having money. It is how we use it that is what is important. **1 Timothy 6:10, For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**
  4. Our money should be used towards sending missionaries to the mission field, and to keep the lights and water flowing in God's house.
  5. So many people expect so much out of the church but never put one dime in the church.
  6. How does God get money? He gets it from our labor.
  7. **Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. James 5:1, Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.**
  8. Riches can become a curse.
  9. When we get our priorities mixed up concerning money we have a problem.
  10. On our coin we say "in God we trust" because there are people fighting to keep it there; but what we need to fight for is to get our heart right with God.

11. It is hypocrisy to have it on our coin because America does not live for God; we have no time for him. We have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.

**2 Timothy 3:5, Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

**k. Consider the lilies how they grow:...**

1. **Luke 12:26-27, If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? 27: Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**
2. God is flat out telling us to order our priorities and the things we can do something about, which is giving God His rightful place; first of all, our heart for salvation and then being Scripturally baptized.
3. Then we are to spend time with Him in His Word and serving Him.
4. God desires a portion of our health, strength, and our treasure. **3 John 1:2, Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**
5. God compares us to the lilies. **they toil not, they spin not;**
6. He takes care of us; we cannot manage our own affairs without Him. He is responsible for our next breath.
7. We take a lot of time taking care of the outside of our body, but what about our soul? Is your soul secure my friend? Are you on your way to Heaven? **1 Peter 2:25, For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.**

**l. ...O ye of little faith?**

1. **Luke 12:28, If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?**
2. The question is do you live by faith or by sight?
3. Few believers live by faith.
4. Few church members live by faith; we worry about finances, this, and that. It is God's business; He will take care of His business if we take care of what we are supposed to do.
5. God sets the record straight in the next point.

**m But rather seek ye the kingdom of God:...**

1. **Luke 12:29, And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30: For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31: But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.**
2. God tells us to get our eyes off circumstances and get it on Him. **Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**
3. We cannot make things better. It is God's universe, and He is going to take care of us.

4. He is not telling us to not be frugal; I believe we need to be frugal with God's money, even in the church. We need to make sure it is well accounted for and going to the right place.
5. There is nothing we can do to add one dime to anything that God has under His control.
6. Men are foolish to think they can affect the work of God. God's work cannot be stopped; you might be able to slow down the process, but God is in control.
7. Several Sunday's ago, I reflected on the fact that when we are moving to and from, we might be missing the perfect will of God.
8. We need to be still and know that He is God. **Psalms 46:10, Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.**
9. Let us live by faith. He tells us whatsoever is not of faith is sin. **Romans 14:23, And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

**n. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

1. **Luke 12:32-34, Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33: Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. 34: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**
2. We are to strip ourselves of all material cares. If God has given you a good job and a source of income, you need to realize that He is responsible for our having it.
3. We must give Him His rightful portion.
4. We must lay up treasure for ourselves in Heaven.
5. Even if you put your money in the bank there is no guarantee it is secure.
6. Even if we have insurance, if God wants to wipe it out, He will wipe out the entire bank.
7. What we have belongs to God.
8. He gives us the ability to draw our next breath.
9. He also gives us the ability to come to know Him as personal Saviour.
10. He gives us the ability to get our life and priorities in order. **John 10:10, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**
11. **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** – He will take care of us. Let us live by faith and not by sight.
12. For us to do this we must first know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

**4. CONCLUSION**

- a. Do you know Him my friend?
- b. If you do not know Him as personal Saviour today needs to be the day of salvation.
- c. If you have never taken the time to realize that you are lost and undone; take time and reflect on it now.
- d. We have seen some mighty miracles happen here at Chesswood.
- e. Young people and middle age people alike have come to know Jesus as Saviour.
- f. Praise God He is still in the soul saving business!

- g. **Isaiah 55:11**, *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*
- h. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- i. **Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- j. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

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