

Evaluating Riches

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Let us turn to Revelation the third chapter. I think we would not be accused of doing violence to the scripture if we would say that the book of Revelation contains the most important messages in all the world for the people right now. And I think that it would be generally agreed among those who have studied this book that the 14th chapter contains the heart of the book as far as dealing with the world at large is concerned. But in the third chapter, is contained the special message to you and me: the council of the true witness to the Laodiceans. Do you agree? [Audience: "Yes."]

Now we shall not study this message in its entirety tonight, but I would like to notice one very interesting point. And that is that Laodicea is confused over the question of values. You notice in the 17th verse Jesus says,

"Thou sayest I am rich, and knowest not that thou art poor"
Revelation 3:17.

Here's a problem. Some people think they're rich when they're really poor. They don't know what riches are. You know when the first explorers came over to this continent from the old world, they found tribes of Indians living here in north America who were willing at times to trade vast tracks of land for a few trinkets. Something that was shiny and bright. And people took advantage of them. But Laodicea hasn't the excuse that those poor Indians had. Laodicea out to know better, do you agree with me? Yes. Because we have a book here that tells us what true values are. Now notice that God does not desire His children in Laodicea to *remain* poor. The 18th verse,

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold, tried in the fire that thou
mayest be rich" Revelation 3:18.

Does God want you to be rich? Are you rich? Well, friends, it's a wonderful thing to know what riches are. Almost all the world, on this point, is in the condition that Laodicea is. That is, it does not know what values are. And that's why people are laboring to be rich. Turn, please, to the thirteenth chapter of Proverbs and we'll notice the 7th verse:

"There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is*
that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches" Proverbs
13:7.

This is what would be called a paradox, isn't it? Rich people that are really poor, poor people that are really rich. Which class are you in? Of course, beside these two, there are poor people that know they're poor and there're rich people that know they're rich. I hope before we get through tonight, we'll find that there are several folks here who are rich and know they're rich.

Jesus is happy to have us happy because we know we're rich. Now the riches that Laodicea trusts in include material wealth. You remember Laodicea says, "I am rich and increased with goods." Not with good but with goods. There's a difference. Laodicea is proud of her material prosperity. But all through the bible we are warned about the fleeting character of such things. While we're here in Proverbs, turn to the 23rd chapter and we'll read verses four and five.

"Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.
Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches*
certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle
toward heaven" Proverbs 23:4-5.

Now if you were watching an eagle fly up toward heaven how would it look? How would it look on the way? Smaller and smaller. Is that right? Did you know that's what's happening to the dollar now? You want to look up the figures; the statisticians' have them all ready. They can tell you what the dollar of your grandparents was worth, what the dollar of your parents was worth, what the dollar was worth a few years ago, what it's worth now, and what it's probably going to be worth tomorrow. And it isn't a pretty picture. This text is being literally fulfilled. "Riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven." What a graphic picture of inflation. But do you know what happens? The people that were in Germany several years ago could tell us what happens on that program. The people that were in China a few years ago in inflation times could tell us. Think of actually having to cart money in a wheelbarrow in order to go and make purchases. Has it happened? Oh, yes, yes. I'm told that in some places they would pay the money when they first got in to have something done for them lest it would cost more by the time the service was over. "Riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven."

Now, Jesus, when He was here in this world, spent a good deal of time talking about riches, wealth, money. Someone has figured up about one-third of the parables of Jesus deal with this problem. Must of have been on His mind. He knew that it was on the minds of people. Turn over to the 16th of Luke. He just told the story of a steward that had wasted his master's goods and was called to render an account of his stewardship and how he reacted to that. Jesus drew some lessons from it. But in the course of His conclusion He asks this question, Luke 16:11:

"If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous
mammon..." Luke 16:11.

The margin says "riches",

“who will commit to your trust the true *riches*?” Ibid.

Now notice, there is some relationship between how we handle things in this world and the *true* riches, but the two things are not the same. I’m going to read it from another translation. This is from the New English Bible:

“If then you’ve not proved trustworthy with the wealth of this world, who will trust you with the wealth that is real?” Luke 16:11 New English Translation.

Is the wealth of this world real? Oh, no. Some people are watching the stock exchanges *everyday* just afraid, fearful, wondering. They don’t know if they’re rich or poor till they see what’s happening to that needle as it runs up and down. But Jesus is pointing us to something more stable, more settled, eternal, with true riches; but notice He indicates that the way we handle the material things of this world affect us. In this same chapter, He tells us how to make a wise choice. The ninth verse:

“And I say unto, make to yourselves friends of...”

or that is by means of

“the mammon of unrighteousness;...”

that is riches,

“that, when ye fail,...”

that is when the things of this world are gone, you’ve lost *all* opportunity to have material wealth,

“they...”

all these friends you’ve made,

“may receive you into everlasting habitations” Luke 16:9.

Here again one of the modern translations will help us a bit to get the thought. Philipp’s puts it this way.... Now this is Jesus speaking. The same verse I just read.

“Now my advise to you is, use money, tainted as it is to make yourselves friends so that when it comes to an end they may welcome you into eternal habitaitons” Luke 16:9 Philipp’s translation

What’s coming to an end? [Audience: “money”] Money’s coming to an end. The man doesn’t have to believe the bible to believe that today. All he needs to do is one

eye half open. But it is possible, oh my dear friends, it is possible to take money and turn it into *friends* that will receive us into eternal habitations. Now, I'd like to say this right here: I'm not taking an offering when we get through this meeting tonight and I'm not leading up to an appeal for funds at all; not at all. We've already had our offering. I'm dealing with the question of the evaluation of riches. To me it would be a sorry thing for dozens, and scores, and hundreds of people to be rich and not know it and not get the joy and blessing of it. And I'd like to see everybody that's rich find it out and get the full pleasure of it. And Jesus is leading our minds in to that. So keep that in mind.

All right, now what's happening to money? What'd we read here? It's coming to an end. But Jesus says you can take money, you can turn it into friends. Here's the New English Bible on this verse:

"So I say to you use your worldly wealth to win friends for yourselves so that when money is a thing of the past you may be received into an eternal home" Luke 16:9 New English Bible

Isn't that nice? You know who the friends are that you can win, with money? Well, I'll tell you who some of them are: they are the angels' of God. They just love to be friends of those that turn their material wealth into a program that the angels are cooperating with. You know we're told that the angels have to work through our hands and speak through our voices. So they are around just looking for people that will cooperate with them. Money will soon be no good but right now money can be turned into soul winning.

And that leads us to the other friend that we can win through money. We not only win the friendship of the angels, but we win eternal friends those who accept the messages as the angel's, and we, and our money all work together to bring them to the Savior. Do you see? Think what it will mean in the kingdom of God to have somebody come up, as we're out on one of those triumphant tours with Jesus from world to world and star to star. Think what it will mean to have someone come up, clasp our hand, and say "Oh, you won me to Jesus, you won me to Jesus." Won't that be riches friends?

"The humblest workers, in co-operation with Christ, may touch chords whose vibrations shall ring to the ends of the earth and make melody throughout eternal ages" *Ministry of Healing*, page 159.

You know I was thinking of it this way: Suppose you were going someplace and you could take a tape recorder with you. But suppose that the only music that you would hear where you were going would be the tapes that you took along. Would you take any tapes? Would you take any recordings? How many would you take? Would you take just one? Play it over, and over, and over, and over again? That would be a lot better than none, wouldn't it? I imagine if you could you'd take several. Wouldn't you? Listen, I know we're going to have music in heaven that the angels play and sing

for us. I know we're going to hear the choirs of the unnumbered worlds throughout the infinity of space, but there's a certain type of music that all you'll ever hear is what you take with you—and that is the music of the thanksgiving of those which you have won to Jesus. And you'll never have another opportunity to get another tape recording of that after you get there. It's *all* to be done right now. The recording is done right now. The souls are won right now. Am I correct?

Now if I believe that, and I have some money or anything that money can buy, what will be the wise thing for me to do? Would it be a wise thing for me to take the thing that is soon to perish and turn it into something that will never perish? Is that a sacrifice? That's good sense isn't it? Good sense. So if you want to feel sorry for somebody, don't feel sorry for people that are so foolish as to pour their lives and their money into this program. Oh, no. Feel sorry for the people who are soon going to cast their money, their gold and silver, where? To the moles and the bats! And pray for the mountains and rocks to fall on them. Read about it in Isaiah 2 and Revelation 6—there's the picture. They're the one's that deserve our pity, friends. Not those that have good sense. Oh, I repeat, it's just good sense to get our money transferred.

Now any of you that have traveled in a foreign country know that when you cross the border, if you expect to spend any money while you are there, you transfer your money (change it) from U.S. money into the coinage of that particular country. How many of you've ever had that experience? Oh yes, quiet a number of you. And people are always interested, about that time, in the rate of exchange. Now do you know folks, if we should take the money of this world, *all of it*, and get it into actual gold, not just this paper money, I think the angels would just smile a bit indulgently if we'd bring some of this stuff up there, don't you think so? Suppose we could actually take it up there. I don't know what they'd do with it, do you? But suppose that we could get it all into gold like it is up at Fort Knox. I wonder how much it would be worth. Oh the money of this world. But I doubt if it would pave one of the streets in that wonderful city. You will remember they use it for street paving up there! Well, you say then, "How in the world can we get a good deal on this thing of transferring our money up there?" Well, friends, just now there's good news. There's a wonderful rate of exchange.

One soul is of more value to heaven than a whole world of property, houses, land, money. Isn't that a wonderful rate of exchange? I think that's *marvelous*. You win one soul, if it takes all the money you've got. That one soul will be worth more than if you could take the whole *world* of material wealth and lay it down at the feet of Jesus. Isn't it marvelous that we can take the things that are of so little value and turn them into things that are of eternal value and infinite value? Isn't it, friends? Now do you begin to see that anybody who's in the soul winning business is a rich man? That's right. If you won just one soul to Christ you're already richer than the richest men in this world. Right now. And that's just the beginning. You're going to win some more, and some more, and some more. And somebody says, "But I don't know rather I'd want anybody else." I've got a promise for you:

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” Psalms 126:5-6.

Isn't that good? Do you know people on Wall Street, they're just watching all the time hoping that the stock that they bought will increase in value but they're not sure. Some of them are jittery at times, so that thing goes up and down. But here is something that there's no question about. *It is impossible to lose*; you *can't* lose on this!

“He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaths with him” Ibid., verse 6.

So a soul winner, he's something like a man that's engaged in a great oil well enterprise out here, and he *knows* that the oil is there. And even if he didn't have very much money in his pocket, if you'd talk with him, he'd talk like a millionaire. Now if you looked at his bank account at the moment, might not be very much in it. But he has *wonderful* plans for what he's going to do.

I was talking with a man not long ago and he was telling me about an oil well that he expected to come in, what he was going to do with it. (He doesn't live here. But he did say was going to help us build that new sanitarium if it came in. Well, I don't know if that's going to come in or not. I don't know anything about that. I'm not making any plans based on that.) But I say to you the soul winner is like a man who *knows* that the well he's drilling has oil down there. No question about it. The Word of God is pledged. Do you see what I mean friends? So he feels *rich*. He *knows* that he's in an enterprise that cannot lose and it is going to draw dividends on all through eternity. That's what Jesus meant when He said that we would here the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant;... enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (Matthew 25:23). This *is* the joy of the Lord.

Now the Pharisees, when they heard what Jesus was telling here in Luke 16, they didn't like it at all. They were offended and also they thought it was ridiculous. They derided Him the bible says. Why? Because they were covetous. That's the 14th verse. You know what Jesus told them? He said,

“That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God” Luke 16:15.

Now, I want to read this to you because it bears on my subject this evening of evaluating riches. Here is Philips translation,

“Now the Pharisees who were very fond of money heard all this with a sneer. But He [that is, Jesus] said to them, You are the people who advertise your goodness before men but

God knows your hearts: Remember there are things men consider perfectly splendid which are detestable in the sight of God” Luke 16:14-15 Philips translation.

Now the Pharisees didn’t all die back there in the first century. My dear friends, if there are Pharisees that see the work of God they will feel about just like those Pharisees did about Jesus and His program. They derided Him; they met those words with a sneer. You know why? Why they loved the comforts and conveniences of life, they loved to be rich, they loved money, and the things money could buy. And the very idea of Jesus going around there with a group of men that He had foolishly persuaded to leave places where they could make money, and follow Him in a self-supporting, medical missionary program that wasn’t getting them anywhere, and then to try to tell them that that was the way to make friends for eternity. They just scoffed at the whole idea. But Jesus wasn’t apologetic and He wasn’t cowed. He said:

“You are the people who advertise your goodness before men but God knows your hearts: Remember there are things men consider perfectly splendid which are detestable in the sight of God” Ibid.

You know what the Pharisees thought? They thought *prosperity* was a sign of Gods blessing. That’s why in the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man thought that he was *entitled* to ask Abraham for favors. And he thought that poor bagger that was out there, that he was doing the bagger a favor to let him eat of the crumbs. But in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus makes it clear that in the Day of Judgment the tables are *turned*. And it’s Lazarus that’s with Abraham and the rich man is in hell. Don’t misunderstand: Christ didn’t mean to teach that everybody that has money in this world is going to be lost, but He did mean to teach that prosperity is, in itself, not a mark of Gods blessing and that the only way a man can be rich in *eternity* is to sow, as we’ve already seen, turn that money into the coin of the realm, the kingdom to which we’re going. Is that right? So again I say, friends, don’t feel sorry for people who are getting themselves, their wealth, and all that they have, in such shape that they’re going to be rich throughout eternity. Don’t feel sorry for them. Feel sorry for poor people that are going to wake up some morning and find all their riches *gone*. We’re told that some people are going to come in the closing work and *press* their money upon the leaders of the church and try to give it to them, and at that time there will be a day when they say, “No, too late, we can’t use it anymore.” That’s already happened in some countries, friends. Hasn’t it? That’s right. It’s already happened.

Well, now I don’t want us to think just of money, this matter of riches. And I don’t want us to just think of the future life. I’d like to have you think for a few minutes of right now. Can you think of some things that are better than money? Right now, even if there were no future life? Did you ever hear of a man by the name of John D. Rockefeller? At one time he was the richest man in the United States. But he’d gotten so sick in the race for *what*, that he was a poor, dried up, sick, little specimen, not enjoying life at all, and all he could eat was a few crackers and a little milk. Was he

rich? Well, it depends upon whether you're counting trinkets or counting reality. Would any of you trade with him?

Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair,
I envied her...she seemed so gay...and wished I were as fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one leg and wore a crutch; But as she passed...a smile!
Oh, God forgive me when I whine, I have two legs. The world is mine!

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him He seemed so glad. If I were late 'twould do no harm.
And as I left he said to me, "I thank you. You have been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes. The world is mine.

Later, while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play. He did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear.
Oh, God forgive me when I whine. I have two ears. The world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know...Oh, God forgive me when I whine.
I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine.
[Author Unknown]

Every one of us that have *any* use of any of our facilities have a lot to be thankful for and *riches* to count, am I right?

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper
and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" 3 John 1:2.

And what sane person is there that would take one bit of health, and life, and strength and sell it for money? Many are wasting their health and strength in the mad rush and as the apostle says,

"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare,
and into many foolish and hurtful lusts..." 1 Timothy 6:9.

In that wonderful chapter 1 Corinthians 13, that the apostle himself lay boast the more excellent way. The value of values is summed up for us in the closing verse of the chapter.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the
greatest of these is charity" 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Three great values. If you have even one of them you're rich. If you have all three of them you're a multi-millionaire. Faith, oh yes, turn over to 1 Peter the first chapter. See how it rates on heavens stock exchange.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth..." 1 Peter 1:7.

So how does faith and gold compare? Which is more valuable? Faith is! Do you believe that? [Audience: "Amen"]. Do you really? There was a man by the name of Enoch who believed that several thousand years ago. You know what the people of his time thought? They thought just what the Pharisees thought about Jesus: they derided him. I'll read here in *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 87,

"The men of that generation had mocked the folly of him who sought not to gather gold or silver or to build up possessions here" *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 87.

So, don't think that this world is going to call you a bright fellow and a smart thinker if you carry out this program. No, no. Don't wait for their applause, for their approval. They mocked the folly of Enoch but Enoch's heart was upon eternal treasures. He had looked up the celestial city. He had seen the King in His glory in the midst of Zion; while still on earth he dwelt by faith in the realms of light and by faith Enoch was translated. How are you going to be translated? By faith. Won't that be better than gold, friends?

You know how much gold it's going to take to get people to the moon? Billions of dollars just to get a man to the moon and that's such a tiny, tiny ways compared with where we're going. Compared with the money it's going to take to get people to the moon, the rest of the money in the world would never get them to Orion, much less on to heaven, friends. But Enoch was translated by faith. How are you going to be translated? [Audience: "By faith"]. Is that more precious? Well let's build up the faith, what do you say? And if we have some, let's remember we're rich. Thank God and hope. Paul says, "now abideth faith, hope", "hope." The people of this world are having heart failure through fear and looking after those things that are coming on the earth, distress of nations with perplexity. Jesus told about it on the Mount of Olives. Luke 21: 25-26. But God's people, they don't have those fears, do they? No. What does David say?

"I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears" Psalm 34:4.

Well, isn't the man that's free of fear and has hope, isn't he a rich man? Sure. Think of that multi-millionaire that got in his private plane at the London airport and said to his private pilot, "Go to Paris." They cleared the airport; off they went, till they got over the English Channel. That multi-millionaire just opened the door and plunged into cold waters of the English Channel. Was he rich? I think we'd all say, "Poor fellow."

Do you have *hope*? Well, then you're richer than that multi-millionaire. Would you trade with him? Why no, friends, you'd be crazy if you did. "Now abideth faith, hope." Are any of you rich here tonight? And what's that third one? Love. Oh, friends, if you have even a little bit of love, you're rich. And if you have a lot, you're really rich. Don't you agree with me? Why, even heaven wouldn't be heaven without love, would it? That's why God isn't going to take some people there, they wouldn't be happy there. They don't love anybody. They wouldn't understand the language of heaven, they wouldn't appreciate the music of heaven, and they wouldn't enjoy the society of heaven. It takes love to appreciate love, friends. And, "now abideth faith, hope, love."

You know, I'm so glad that along with the many evidences of the love of the unseen God, He's given us in varying amounts that all of us have some measure of it. Some human love to help understand the divine love. If you've ever known a mother's love, friends, you're rich. If you've ever known a father's love, you're rich. If you've known the love of husband or wife, you're rich. If you know the love of brother or sister, you're rich. And it may be that for some of you, you have found within the church of Christ, in the family of God, a love that is closer than the ties of blood. You know my mother was the only one of her family that ever accepted this message. There were many years that her family members, more or less, scratched her off their list. Oh, they weren't mean to her but they just, you know, "She'd gone off into that foolish religion." But I thank God that he gave my father and mother, brothers and sisters in Christ.

And my mind goes back tonight, nearly 50 years when my brother and I were just little fellows. And the terrible influenza epidemic that came at the close of World War I, was sweeping over the country. You remember it took 20 million lives in a few months. My father was stricken and day and night that fever was on him. Then mother, who was taking care of him, came down [with the influenza]. There we were just little fellows. We were living in San Diego, California. And the flu was just taking people right and left. You couldn't get nurses, too many nurses sick, and too many sick people. You couldn't get doctors. And we were poor. Real poor. I mean, the world said we were. But, oh friends, we were rich. I have no question, that if we'd had money we couldn't have gotten what we got for love. The brothers and sisters of the church came in, trained nurses, and practical nurses, and they gave my father and mother treatments. One dear man stayed with my father night and day. And dear Doctor Henry Tindall (Elder Tindall's brother) came, again and again, to minister to my father and mother. Yes, we learned what the love of God revealed through brothers and sisters means in a time of emergency. I say we were rich, friends. And many a time since, I've experienced it. Isn't just in things that people can do for you, but all the fellowship, the joy, and I know already something of the joy of heaven. And I say it humbly friends, but I must be truthful, I'm a rich man. I'm rich in friends. And while I'm sorry for enemies, God pity them, I'd rather have the enemies I have and the friends to go along with them than to abandon the principles and the Savior that has given me the friends that can make the enemies. Do you see what I mean, friends? I thank God for the riches of His love.

“Better than gold is a peaceful home where all the fireside charities come. The shrine of love and the heaven of life hallowed by mother or sister or wife. However humble the home may be or tried with sorrows by heavens decree. The blessings that never were bought or sold and centered there are better than gold” *Ministry of Healing*, page 362.

Do you remember in Bunyan’s allegory that picture that was shown to the Pilgrim as he came to the Interpreters house? Among the other parables that he saw there, he was led to a room and there was a great cage. And in this cage was a man with a rake and he was down there on his hands and knees raking around in the straw. Every now and then he would come upon some little piece of colored glass or some little trinket and he would hold it up with glee. You remember? And Bunyan says that all the while stood One above his head, holding out a golden crown. But he never reached out his hand to take it because he never saw it, and he never saw it because he never looked. He was so busy gathering up those little trinkets. Little baubles. What does Jesus say on the Sermon on the Mount?

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...”
Matthew 6:20.

For your *souls* my brethren; for yourselves. This world is going down. The riches of this world are not worth much now, but they’ll be worth less tomorrow. But eternal riches are yours and you can have a foretaste of them now. In the help that will come to those who cooperate with God in following His way of life, we have a foretaste of that eternal health and strength which we shall have in the hereafter. Right? It’s riches now—greater riches then. In the peace and the joy which we enter into through sins forgiven and accepting of the Saviors sacrifice, we have a foretaste of the eternal riches of *joy* we shall know in the mansions of God. In the love that binds heart to heart, in the fellowship which we share in the church of God, and where Christ’s love makes it possible in human hearts in our home; in all those things we share a foretaste of that blessed life where all through the ages of eternity we shall be rich in praise. As my dear friend, Elder Luther Warren, used to say, “My best friend has made arrangement for me to become personally acquainted with everybody that has ever lived in this world that’s worth knowing.” Only a rich man could afford that. Ah friends, and don’t forget first of all, and last of all, and most of all, and through it all, the supreme joy, the supreme riches, of having souls there in the kingdom of God saved through your work. If you haven’t given your life to that, do it tonight my brother. Put *all* this muck racking to find a few bucks. Quit enjoying the applause when somebody gets some prize. Its ready for the waste can tomorrow. Don’t be interested in all that stuff, friends. It all perishes with the using. Some of it perishes before it even gets here.

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” Colossians 3:2.

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...” Matthew 6:20

Have *done* with letting the world settle whether your rich or not. Have *done* with all these inferiority complexes that come through feeling, “Oh, well we’re so little and despised and poor.” Bless the Lord, my friends; if we’re following Jesus Christ we’re rich. Rich in *Him*; we have nothing of ourselves of which to boast. We’re poor and miserable and blind and naked and we know it. Right? But in Him, and through Him, and *with* Him we are rich. For we have faith—the faith of Jesus. We have hope. We have love. And having these we have all that’s worthwhile here and hereafter.

A poor man can be a happy man, but no happy man is a poor man.

[Closing Song.]

We don’t have to study the stock exchange to see how rich we are today, or how poor we’re liable to get. We look up to heaven and remember this is no fairy tale. You are a joint heir with Christ. [Recording skips.] Covet earnestly the best gifts.

[Audience testimony.]

“My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:19.

It’s in safe deposit there. The burglars can’t get at it, and these inflation folks can’t get at it either. It’s in safe reserve. That’s the real federal reserve up there folks. I’ll tell you this: here’s something wonderful about this kind of riches—they multiply as you share them. Isn’t that marvelous? That’s another thing that people of this world don’t understand. But when Jesus had those five loaves and two fishes brought to Him, He started the disciples passing them out. And when they got through and everybody had all they wanted to eat, they still had more than they had to start with. Is that correct? *Did* that what actually happened? How many of you believe it really happened? Do you really? Oh, thank God friends, our Father is *rich* and He loves to have us share these riches with others.

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