

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



### MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR MAY 2008

**DEDICATED TO ENRICHING OUR MINDS SPIRITUALLY  
THROUGH GOD'S INSPIRED WORDS OF THE HOLY BIBLE**

**Matthew 6:19 “Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.”**

## GOD'S ETERNAL PENSION

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Dear Father up above, we thank You, we praise You, and we bless You, for Your plan for Eternal Salvation. May there be a revival of Your Holy Spirit throughout the land, to encourage all believing Christians to spread the good news of our Savior Jesus Christ. May we all come to learn the truth and repent of our sinful ways, before it's too late.

I ask this in the name of our way, our truth, and our life, Jesus Christ. . . . Amen.

When I talk about God's eternal pension, some people will probably think that I am talking about social security benefits or some kind of a 401 K plan or something to that effect. That's fine, because unless you know Jesus personally, it is hard to understand the fact that the pension plans that we build up down here, are not valid up in heaven. They are absolutely worthless, when our time is expired down here. In fact, we could be a multi billionaire, and when our time is over down here, there is nothing that you can take up with you. You can transfer retirement funds down here, but not up there! What you came into this world with, you will surely leave with and that is nothing.

The Lord said in Genesis 3:19 **For dust you are and to dust you will return**".

The opening scripture on the front cover sheet from Matthew 6: 19 sort of says it all.

The Lord says clearly, **Do not store up your treasures on earth..** What is God trying to tell us all is, don't get caught up in money, greed and power. Lately there seems to be more and more people putting all their energy in making money, than making peace with God. Most people seem to spend so much time, competing with each other to see who can make the most money. Something like, keeping up with the Jones.

This insanity can involve average Joe's all the way up to the most powerful leaders, of this world. They all seem to have the same thought in mind and that is, he who makes the gold, makes the rules! I must confess, there were times in my life, I had that same way of thinking. It was not until God showed me a much better way to be, and that is to store my treasures up in Heaven. The scripture goes on to say, **where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.** Looking back in history, man has always tried to take what does not belong to him. In the Bible, there are numerous stories, where godless kings and their armies have killed and destroyed millions of people lives, and plundered everything they could find, all in the name of evil.

This evil was inherited from our original parents who introduced the world to sin.

As for moths and rust, we all know what moths and rust can do, when left unprotected.

In verse 20 the Lord goes on to say, **But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.**

The Lord is trying to tell us all is, that the treasures we store up in heaven, are incorruptible, and can be redeemed when we pass through this life and into eternity.

This can only be possible, if we confess our sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The treasures the Lord is talking about does not always mean monetary.

Non-monetary treasures carry just as much clout, as the monetary ones do!

Non-monetary treasures can be ,anytime that we do something for someone in need, instead of doing for ourselves . It can be as little as just being kind to someone in despair. Opening the door for someone or letting someone go in front of us on a busy highway. As little as working to help others in our church or community to get back on track, with their lives. Donating our time working with non-profit or charitable organizations to care for and feed the poor. Visiting people in hospitals, homes, prisons, institutions, etc., who are physically or emotionally sick an impaired.

These are just some of the many ways there are, to deposit spiritual treasures in our heavenly account. As for the monetary treasures in heaven. The Lord tries to warn us all about, hanging on too tightly to God's money, When I say God's money, I mean just that. You are probably saying to yourself, what is he talking about, all the money I have and monetary things I have acquired, I work hard for them, not God. Where was God when I was working 7 days a week at the office or when I was out in the hot sun swinging a sledge hammer etc. ? There are thousands of illustrations that can be used to describe the different ways and means that we can put ourselves through, for the need of money. First of all, without God giving us life, the ability and strength to work at what ever we do, we would not be able to make any money in the first place. Second, everything that you see in this entire world, belongs to God. The earth, the sky, the sun moon, all the stars in the universe, the mountains and all water bodies, all belong to God. Everything that has life from man to all the animals, the birds, and all the crawling creatures of this earth, belong to God. Everything that we eat, wear, and depend on to survive, all comes from the Lord above. There is nothing that the naked eye can see throughout a lifetime, that does not belong to God.

To answer the question, where was God when we were working so hard to get ahead ? Answer is, He was always there right by our sides, carrying us like a helpless child.

So my friends in the Lord, when it comes to putting your treasures above, remember to give with a cheerful heart and never let the right hand know what the left hand does with either the monetary or the non- monetary treasures that we deposit above.

Try to remember, as long as we are still living, to thank the Lord Jesus daily for what He went through to make it all possible for all of us. We owe God, not God owes us. The monetary and the non-monetary gifts stored up in Heaven's vault, are a choice we all have to make, while God still give us an opportunity to make the choice.

When our time is up down here, there will never be another opportunity than the one we have at this moment, to make a new commitment, to deposit and store up our treasures in heaven. That combined with, putting our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, is the only way to cash in on **God's Eternal Pension!**

Let us pray. Father, we thank You for Your Divine plan, for Eternal Salvation. May we all come to realize the vital importance, of following You and not the world. May we also come to realize, that the glitter of earthly treasures, will soon fade away, but Yours Father, are here to stay and will never fade away from now and into Eternity.

I ask this Father, in the name of Christ Jesus.....Amen.

*May's Edition of Hope for Living*

*A Sealed Bargain* By Billy Graham

*2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NIV* **He...put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.**

*As we trust in Christ, God gives us the Spirit as a pledge, or some translation read, earnest or guarantee. "He...put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit guaranteeing what is to come.*

*In the apostle Paul's day, a deposit or pledge did three things: It was a down payment that sealed a bargain, it represented an obligation to buy, and it was a sample of what was to come.*

*As an illustration suppose you decided to make a down payment on a new car. What does your deposit represent? First, it seals the transaction; from now on, both you and the seller are committed. Also, it shows that you have committed yourself to pay the rest of the purchase price. Finally, it enables you to take possession of the car right now (even though it still belongs to the bank).*

*In the same way, the Holy Spirit in our hearts is God's pledge or deposit to us----sealing His commitment to save us, guaranteeing that some day our salvation will be complete and enabling us to experience its joys right now.*

---



*Let us pray, Dear Father, at this time and every day, may we all pray for the sick, the poor and needy, the homeless, the persecuted, the hungry, the helpless, the hopeless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, the lost souls, the deceased, the hatred & the violence, around the world, the troops in harms way, etc. and a special prayer for world peace. Also Father, a special prayer at this time for John & Debbie Longo and family. Robert Lambert, Robert Sommers, John McGibbon, Rose Robinson, Greg McGlade, Anne Granata, Marian Ortez, Lucy Cartogena, Ryan Donnelly, Peg Ballerino, Nancy Flecker, Alice Mesmer, Penny Howe, Dianne Cabanna, Felicia Rumbow, Sherry Arzillo, Jerry Owens, Vince Phillipelli, Janet Neil, Jeff Haines, Candice Kiana, Tony Scarangelli, Joe Hinley, Robin Weiss, Carl Napolliello, Rene De Matteo, Keith Ruggiero, Jonathan Baker, Gary Wade, Vince Bovoso, Miriam Johnson, Janet Litiski, Mike Baker Sr., Jeff Rafter, Denise Lathrop, Anne Marie Kalogridis, and Vince Moschello.*

=====  
*If you have any prayer request, spiritual needs, or any spiritual questions, you can call the Ministry at ( 609) 704-8547 or e-mail us at [ministry8246@comcast.net](mailto:ministry8246@comcast.net) Until next months journal, may the Lord Jesus Christ, bless, and watch over us always.*

