

The Treasures Sunday **(Mat 6 : 19 - 33)**

The church gives a name and a title for every Sunday in the Holy Lent because it wants to give us a message for every week in the Lent. The title the 1st Sunday of the Holy Lent is: “ **The treasures Sunday**”.

In general, the person who has treasures or even one treasure, is always known to be a rich and wealthy man, and the treasures are of 2 types:

- A) A treasure that is inherited from the parents and the elders in the family.
- B) A treasure that the person himself forms and creates by his success in life and in work, so he begins to save and invest his money until he profits and owns a big treasure.

In other words, treasures may be granted to a person freely without any effort, and they may be the fruits of his effort and striving (acquired treasure). And about these 2 kinds of treasures the church wants to speak to us today.

It is also well known that if any person has a treasure whether inherited or gained and he does not keep it in a safe place, the treasure may be robbed or stolen. And also if the treasure is not invested and increased, it will be one day consumed and finished.

So any treasure needs to be guarded and kept safe, and also it needs to be invested and increased lest it might vanish one day, because the thing that you keep taking from it without adding to it, will surely vanish and disappear one day.

In the gospel today, Lord Jesus gave us an example on either kinds of treasures, the granted one and the acquired one.

The granted treasure is the EYE :

“The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great [is] that darkness!” (Mat 6 : 22 – 23).

The eye is a free treasure given to us. We didn't do anything to have our eyes, but God granted them to us for free.

Now in the part of the gospel that is read today, Jesus told us that if we invested this free treasure and kept it safe and guarded and pure from any impurities or defilement, then this treasure would increase and bring you more treasures that are:

- 1- The purity of the whole body.
- 2- The purity of our thoughts.
- 3- Consequently the purity and holiness of our desires and acts.
- 4- The holiness of our whole life.

See now how guarding one treasure and keeping an eye on it and protecting it from the attackers can result in many other treasures which could not be gained freely, and on the opposite, see how misusing the treasure can result in complete darkness of life.

The acquired treasure is the FAITH :

“Therefore I say unto you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body more than clothing?Therefore do not worry..... But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mat 6 : 25 – 33)

The belief and trust in the power and the care of God are not granted to us, but they need to be adopted by us. That’s why many people are always anxious and doubtful in God’s wisdom in directing and arranging their life.

Today Lord Jesus is telling us that we should have this treasure of faith and trust in God.

We need to do some work in order to gain this treasure. If you do not want it, you will not get it, and if you do not bid yourself to get, you will not get it.

If you desired to get this treasure of faith and trust in God, you will find many other treasures came to you:

- 1- The peace of mind.
- 2- The life of self-satisfaction and thanksgiving.
- 3- The dependency on God’s mighty hand and power.
- 4- You’ll always feel that you are supported by strong hands that are able to do everything.

Glory be to God forever and ever amen.