

“As Having Nothing, Yet Possessing All Things”

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Amen. Remain standing, if you please. I'd like to ask Mike Alford to come up and lead us in prayer for the message.

Mike: Bow our heads. Lord Jesus, we just praise Your holy name, Lord God, and we thank You for all Your many blessing which You bestow upon us each and every day, Lord God. A lot of times—most of the time, we don't deserve them, Lord God. We 're thankful for all Your blessings. Thank You for showing us Your truth. Thank You for this ministry, where Your truth's preached, Lord God. Help us, Lord God, we went through a lot of purging in this ministry, Lord, God, but it's a time of growth. It's a natural cycle; after the purging comes growth, Lord God. We want to be used by You, Lord God. And, Lord, our problems, just help us to seek You first, Lord God, so that we can help others around us. In Your name, the name of Jesus. Lord, we pray for our brother, Chris, as he delivers the message, Lord God. Anoint each one of us, our hearts, Lord God, so that we may receive what You have for us. In Your name, the name of Jesus, amen.

Thank you, Mike. You may be seated. It's good to see everybody, this morning, on this beautiful , two days before Spring, I believe. Oh, Spring is tomorrow? Even better. I's also like to welcome back Gloria, she's been away for a few weeks. It's good to have her back. I'd also like to do, at this point, a little housekeeping: Our brother, John Rice, is in the hospital down in Louisville. Jim, that's your brother-in-law, Mr. Martin, that's your son-in-law. We want to keep him in prayer; he went to the hospital last night and it looks like he's going to be in there for a little bit. We're not sure exactly how long yet, but, definitely, definitely keep him in prayer.

So, this month has been trust. If you can see the verse up here, I know it's a little smaller. You probably need a magnifying glass, but it's there. I'm going to read it. And this isn't something that's new; a lot of us are familiar with is, but it's something that we need to uphold and to remember.

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Part 1 – Don't Take My Word For It

And I know that, in this life, most people want to be trusted. Whether it's family members, business circles, social gatherings, at school; that's pretty much the common theme, is that people want to be thought of as trustworthy. I know there's plenty of under-handedness, and corruption, and criminals out there, but, I guess the irony is, even the criminals want to be trusted. I mean, just think about it from that standpoint. They want to be trusted so that they can take advantage of you. But, think about this: Trust is a virtue. And, it's not something that can be taken lightly, and we can't take it for granted.

So, we have a ministry like this, where the founding pastor, our general pastor, many of the pastors, and many of the teachers, and people that we've know, it's been a general mantra over the years that says: Don't take mt word for it. It's kind of an unexpected turn from the ordinary, because you'd think it'd be the opposite. And you wouldn't expect from people like that, in those kinds of positions. I'm not going to tell you that when I first heard that, it hit me like a ton of bricks, but, I'm

going to tell you that, over time, it gradually sunk in, more and more and more. Because, it's the kind of thing that, in has an influence as we live our Christian life. It's not something that, maybe—now, it depends on your background. I mean, if you have a background that you're accustomed to hearing that, or, whether you just thought that, “Well, I'm just supposed to trust this person,” whether it's a business leader, whether it's a church, maybe it's a teacher, whatever profession that might be, that we're thinking, or our parents. I mean, there are a lot of different places where we could look at trust. But, I would have to say that I've learned enough to know that someone's not going to make that statement if they're not teaching sound doctrine. The Bible says in Titus, “But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:” (Titus 2:1)

I'd like to ask you to turn with me to—this is a verse, again, there's going to be some verses that you're familiar with, and there's going to be some verses that, maybe, something that you're not accustomed to. But this is one, I would say, learn it, and practice it, because the Bible says (and this is not the verse we're going to read), it says we can't just be hearers of the Word of God, we need to be doers of the Word of God (Romans 2:13, James 1:22).

2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

We're talking about trust today and we're talking about trust this month and who and what we place our trust in. But we're also talking about the onus being on us, as well. It's not just everybody else's responsibility to feed us spiritually. Who do we have to blame if we don't know the word of God, and I'm not talking about someone who just got baptized? I'm not talking about a kid who's just learning to read? I'm talking about those of us who've been given the opportunity to learn, to read, to study, and to understand. And, it's not something we should take lightly. I mean, you know, when you look at the way society might treat somebody that reads, or is, I guess the old term would be, 'bookworm,' or today, “Oh, you're a nerd!” I mean, you know, I look at it like, okay, well, it's important to gain an understanding, and, if you don't read anything else in this life, it is more important to have an understanding of the Word of God.

Isaiah 5:1-4 *Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?*

So, this is an Old Testament parable, and I know we get accustomed that parables are just a New Testament teaching, but that's not the case. In this particular parable, we're looking at a case where God doing everything He can for His people to give us an environment that will be spiritually successful. And yet the result is the exact opposite of what God intended.

So, I had to do a little research about vineyards--I'm not a farmer, I'm not a vinedresser, I guess that's the correct terminology—to get the understanding that wild grapes are dry, they're sour, they're acidic, and they're basically worthless, even though they're ripe. Now, I was in upstate New York, this was probably about four years ago. My parents were celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and we were at one of the southern part of one of the finger lakes, so, some of you might know where that's at. Anyway, there's a lot of vineyards in that part of the state, so, we were just driving up one road, one particular morning, and we just decided to stop, and, you know, walk through the vineyards a little bit,

and, my dad, they were kind of like this (motioning to a small bud on the plant on the pulpit) they weren't ripe, they were still green, in August, so, I don't—I suppose it comes down to the time of year, maybe late September, early October that they actually ripen. But, this isn't about grapes; I think you get that. It's about listening and trusting in God to live the life He's called us to live. And this ties into something God dealt with me recently about and that's, how easy do we think we want to make this life? God has given us a standard, He's given us a guideline, He's given us understanding and direction, He's given us an established word on the way we need to live, and, yet, it brought forth wold grapes. And I'm not talking about everybody, and I'm not talking about people in this room, but I'm looking at it like it's something we would have to take heed to. It's something that we have to look at it and think, okay, the Bible says to examine ourselves to see if we be in the Lord (2 Corinthians 13:5), and that's an on-going process. That's not something where we just think, okay, after the five year mark, ten year mark, twenty year mark or whatever mark you're at in life; it's something that's an ongoing thing. But, God is telling us in this parable that He's tilled the land, gotten rid of the stones, and built a tower of protection and yet it still yielded rottenness. And that's something that, it was kind of sobering. It's something that we can't just pick and choose.

This is actually just part 1. Today's sermon is made of two parts; it's not made up of points. And this first part is, "Don't Take My Word for It." Because we have to have a responsibility, we have to have an accountability, that we can't like, as the old expression goes, we're not going to get in on anybody's coattails. I mean, that's a common thing, but, sometimes those generic, and you could even call it a trite expression, actually comes back, and goes full circle as the years go by, and, maybe I'm thinking, "Oh, well, I'll just show up, and I'll do this, and I'll do that, and I'll do, like, minimum. I'll do, like, whatever's the minimum expectation." So, no giving, no sacrifice, no fasting, no praying, no reading, no singing, no worship. And I'm sure that's not what we want, but, sometimes Satan's going to try to lull us to sleep in so many different ways to get us to think, "Well, if I'm okay in the eyes of somebody else, or in the eyes of the organization. We're going to talk about the organization, a little bit, here. But, I like the fact that—Andy had mentioned it, and, actually, and Greg had mentioned it, that this is something Pastor Paine really highlighted to these guys, talking about Parrish and Andy, quite a bit over the last several months—is that we have everything we need to grow and to prosper, and also to be stable. And, what I mean by that is it's not always, like, yes, we have a care and we have a desire to be, like, to see people get baptized, and see people get saved, but are we looking to see people grow that are actually already in the faith? So, it's not a matter of—like Christ talked about when He talked to the Pharisees, He said, "You compass land and sea to make one proselyte, but, when he is converted, you make him two-fold more the child of Hell than yourselves." And, that's, to me, it one of those things where it's, like, is our effort solely on getting them baptized, or is it on a balanced ministry where you've got to be welcoming, you've got to teach the older ones, you've got to be taught yourself, but, you've also got to, like, have evangelism, you've got to have fellowship outings, and prayer meetings, like, Jim, you talked about, you know. So, it's not just one isolated area of ministry, it's an all-around.

So, now that we've talked about the organization, we've heard over the years not to put our trust—our *complete* trust in any organization. And that's a key word, because, if we absolutely just painted over with a broad brush, "Don't trust any organization! Don't trust business, don't trust the government, don't trust churches, whatever..." After a while, it's like, "Well, who do I trust?" "Ah, just trust your own good intentions." Well, we're talking about trusting in God, we're talking about people who are imperfect, as we all are, the Bible says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23) but we also have to have an organization. There's a fine line that we have to walk because, on one hand I agree with that, that we can't have complete trust in any organization, but I've been a part of this organization called Christian Fellowship for almost thirty years, and I know that many of you have called this your church home for many years feel that way as well. So we have to look at the pattern of good works, the fruits of the spirit, and the doctrine that is taught in order to make that

judgment and that assessment. And, you know what? Things aren't always going to go exactly as we hope, or exactly as we expect, or think, or plan, or whatever. I mean, just think about it, it's like, but, as a lot of us have heard, and I appreciate this, this is something that we've heard Pastor Paine share many times, "There's no group of people that I'd rather be associated with." And, it's one of those things where it's like, well, I mean, when I first heard him share that, I thought, "Well, that's a nice thing to say," I've shared that. It took a little while for that to sink in, but, it's like, I feel that way; I do feel that way. I have co-workers, and family members, and I feel like I've got pretty good rapport with people, I mean, as far as relatives or friends, people like that, but, when I get right down to it, it's like, there's no purpose like God's purpose. There's no direction and understanding. And, when you have the same goal, the same open goal of being saved, well, that does make a big difference.

So is the organization built in the word of God? Does the structure coincide with what the Bible's teaching? Is sound doctrine taught and upheld? I know I've kind of beat that one a little bit, but, the sound doctrine—if you don't have any doctrine at all, then you're just blabbing. I mean, we could stand up here and just blurt out nonsense, or just fruitless questions, or just sounds good. I mean, on and on and on. I don't think that profits anything at all, even though it had a nice, chewy, sugary taste to it, but then, ultimately, it was like, well, it's not sustaining. But building it on the Word of God... And, I want to just back up a step: Saying "Praise the Lord!" and, "Hallelujah!" those are great things to say, you know, "He is," "he always is," these are things that are kind of built into our life as a Christian, and it's not, like, just to pass the time. That's not it at all. And it's not to try to put anybody in a box, "You've got to say this! You've got to talk like this!" You've got to let people be as they're going to be, as long as it's not infringing on other people, that's fine. Because, then it's like, you might have somebody that's loud or quiet or somewhere in between, or talkative, or, someone who has different talents, and that's what makes it a beautiful thing. That's what makes the ministry work. That's what makes the prosperity, and that's where the blessings of God come from. So, getting back to those things: Is the organization built on the Word of God? Is the structure what you'd see, from what the Bible teaches? Is sound doctrine taught and upheld? Well, I believe it is, but someone who just walks in the door doesn't know. It's going to take time and effort, and it's going to take kind of proving it to them. And I'm talking about having that pattern of good works, and having them see those examples of, like, caring, or fruits of the spirit that are manifested in such ways that it's not hogwash, because, if it's that, then people are going to be turned off. Now, I'm not saying that everybody who walks through the door is going to stay; not everybody's seeking God. Not everybody wants to continue; not everybody wants to live this life, and it's not a matter of us trying to force them, but it is a matter of us being an example of the believers in word and conversation and deed and truth and just every other way that we can live.

Part 2 – Gold Tried in the Fire

So, Pastor Paine, when he was here a couple of weeks ago, he talked about trusting in God in difficult times and made brief mention of the account in the book of Daniel of the men who refused to bow down to the golden image, ironically enough, which the king of Babylon had built. Parrish made reference last week to that same account in Daniel and he related how in our lives today, there's nothing is off limits in the battles we face. You know, we'd like to think, "Oh, I know what's going to happen down the road," or have an idea of how the persecutions going to get, or whatever opposition we're going to face, but, we don't always know. And I'm going to share one other thing along those same lines: It's not up to us to sit there and sweat the load about every single possibility that could possibly come down. Because, if you look, I believe it's in the Book of Luke, it talks about men's hearts failing them for fear of the things coming on the Earth (Luke 21:26). We're talking about the turmoil. It talks about a time of trouble, like there never was from the beginning of time; that is kind of worrisome.

I mean, I look at that, and, how does that actually translate into, how that looks? Absolute mayhem. Like the insurance guy—you know the Allstate guy? Which, I do kind of like those commercials, by the way. But, you know God's going to give us the strength to sustain us. He's going to keep us in the midst of the trials and tribulation. And, as we saw in that account—we're not going to go back to that—but, those men basically said, "We are not careful to answer you, king, and we're not going to bow down to the image that you've built." And the judgment was haste, to have them cast into that furnace, but, I think, what's the relevance of that in this day and age? You go through battles. We're going to go through battles. We've already been through some battles. And, there were battles then, there are battles now, and there's going to be battles in the future. Every day, you're going to face some kind of difficulty, or some kind of challenge. But, then, to balance that out, there are victories every day. I mean, one of the absolute favorite verses of mine is Psalms 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life..." and, if that's not enough, the last part of it says, "...and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." To me, that's absolute, incredible promise. And, you know what? I feel that that's true. In all the years that I've been a Christian, and, I can say that before I became, I did not experience that. That just wasn't—and I'm not saying that God wasn't dealing with me, and blessing me in some things, but God was trying to get us all to come to the knowledge of His Truth.

This is probably going to be our main text today. This is a passage that a lot of us are familiar with but I want to evaluate a segment of it that doesn't always get a lot of air play, specifically verses seventeen and eighteen. This is a message to the church at Laodicea.

Revelation 3:14-16 *And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

This is probably one of the most common accounts, as far as, like, there's songs about it, testimony about it. Lukewarm, they're not hot or cold... Absorb that, but I really want to focus on verses seventeen and eighteen. Seventeen and eighteen is going to be the crux of the matter, this morning.

Revelation 3:17-22 *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Verse nineteen, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten..." Ken Avellino, when you were up here, about a month ago, you gave the sermon, and, the part where you talked about the five wise and the five foolish virgins, and you talked about, like, God saying, "Are you awake? Are you in there?" You know, you described it like He was shining a flashlight in your ear, and in your eye, and everywhere else to get your attention. It got my attention, because I was sitting there, thinking, "Oh, my gosh." Because, you know what? That's probably one of the scariest thoughts: You go through so many years, and you do, you could give up so much. It is a blessed life, but there are difficulties along the way, battles, and so on and so forth. But, you don't want to be a foolish virgin. And it's like, I appreciate that,

because, again, it did get my attention, but, I believe that as long as we have the breath of life, that, God getting our attention, it's better that we have it now. It's better that we hear it now.

The part, again, we're going to deviate from the customary assessment of the being lukewarm part of it, because that's something that—not everybody, but—it's something that, in the church world, it's sort of a common expression, a common teaching, but, the part I want to highlight on is: “Because thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing...” and we just stop there. I'm going to throw a curve-ball in here and ask if anyone, have you ever heard of Job and is aware of how rich he was? Yes? How about King Solomon, Abraham, and David? Pretty rich guys? Okay, you've got it. I know they're Old Testament, but what's the New Testament say? I'm going to read a passage which gives us a little bit more of an understanding to know where we stand. Because, we're going to talk about riches, we're going to talk about possessions, we're going to talk about needs.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.*

So, it's not like, “Oh, you're rich. Forget it; you have no chance. You have absolutely no chance.” If we were to just take it from that previous passage in Revelation, and just stop there, and think, “Oh, that's it.” Depending on everybody's wealth, which varies, But, I'm going to say something right now that might sound a little unusual given the context of what we're talking about, but does anyone here like, or relish the thought of going through a bankruptcy? That's good. Or being homeless? Or having absolutely nothing saved for retirement? Or not having a job? That's good. I know I don't. And, I think everybody in their right mind strives to be somewhat financially secure. I think everybody hopes to have some kind of nest-egg for the future. I also think we all strive to improve ourselves not to become more a burden on somebody else, or not to become more of a burden on society.

But, what about that part about being increased with goods? Well, anyone that lives long enough manages to accumulate some things along the way. Whether it's tools, or furniture, or appliances, or clothing, you name it. I can honestly say that I have more stuff than I did twenty years ago. And I'm not a hoarder; there's things I'll throw out. But, you know what? There's some of you that you have businesses, or you have, like, the places where you reside, you've got to have some things, you have to have some belongings. I mean, it's not as though you just go into an absolutely empty house, unless you're moving, or unless you're being foreclosed. And I don't mean to make light of that, but what's the problem here? I know I'm building this up, and this is something God gave me a very thorough explanation of. Because we have to trust in God in the bad times and the good times.

So, let's take a look at the third part in verse seventeen which states, “And have need of nothing.” So, in case you were wondering, that is where the problem is. It's not having wealth (although that could be a problem) and it's not having possessions (although that could be a problem, too). But, it also could be a problem to be in abject poverty. But when we claim to “have need of nothing,” this is a spiritual mentality that results from a physical condition, this is where we trace back everything to that condition of being lukewarm, because we say we have need of nothing. And, that's where the trusting in God factor gets completely eliminated. Because, we're thinking, “Oh, I've got it mapped out. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. I've got it all planned out.” And then, something comes along... If I think I have need of nothing, then I'm not trusting in God. And it's something that can affect us, here; I would say it's probably a lot more rampant in the world. But, this isn't about the judgments of everybody else, either, it's just about what God's dealing with me about. Because that's not necessarily the most pleasant passage, and, if we think about Revelation three. Now, we might be in decent financial shape in this life and thank God for it. We might have collected some

things along the way and thank God He provides. But we can't ever think we have need of nothing, and I can't emphasize that enough. There are always needs, and, if not of our own, then of our brothers and sisters.

I like, a lot of times, when we start prayer meetings, and, like we talked about Friday night, it's one thing, whether it's Parrish or Andy leading it, and I suppose the ladies do this, too, I don't know, but I suppose so, "what are the needs of different people?" It's not like, "Oh, I've got ninety-eight..." We haven't even done anything yet. You know it just sort of jumps around, like, "This person on base, they're having difficulty in school," or, "I've got this friend who's got this problem with his liver," or somebody said, "Oh, my mom's got arthritis," or, "Keep Ashley and Jason in prayer," you know, the loss of her mom. Very substantial thing. And, you know it sort of goes for a little while, but, it's not always about everybody talking about their own needs, but there's a balance. There's enough to think, okay, you've got needs, but others have needs, we have a ministry full of needs. But, we also, and I want to emphasize this, as well, and I'm closing soon, we have a ministry with a lot of successes. We have a ministry where there's been a lot of victories. And there's been rough roads, but if we sit there and just harp on all the times that there's been problems, it's not like God's going to sit there and—it's like when Pastor Thomas was here a couple of months ago, he was like, "If the only time we seek God is when there's a problem, guess where you're going to stay?" And I thought, "True dat."

So, last commentary, and then we're going to read one last verse: I know we sing a song and the lyrics in there somewhere are about being desperate for the Lord and lost without Him. Society (and that includes us, by the way) looks at desperation as a weakness though, not a strength. Oh, he's desperate, she's desperate, that business is desperate, that church is desperate, that city is desperate. You know, we've had so much repercussions of the recession that large cities in America have had to file for bankruptcy. I mean, if you think that's not embarrassing, if you think that's not desperation, then you go to some of these places. I'm going to share something real quick: I was in a town a couple of weeks ago, and I'm closing in just a few minutes, and it was down in Peru, Indiana, which, it's probably, maybe fifty miles south of South Bend. So, I was down there working at a Square D, which is an electrical supplier, and staying close by, but, I guess the town is, with the most activity is Kokomo, Indiana. Lot of tie-in to the auto industry. You know, Chrysler plants, AC/Delco, General Motors, but, from some of the people that I talked to, it just seemed that a lot of those, the work there is down to a skeleton crew. And, even the place I was at, they were talking about lay-offs pending in the next six months. But, as I drove around the city, it just was so dilapidated, and run-down, and down-trodden, and just, you know... I feel like it highlighted to me—now, I'm getting to a point—the area where I live—and some of you know where I live, and some of you don't—it's an okay area, but, I'm going to tell you this much: It actually made me—and I've shared this with some of you—it actually made me appreciate what I have more, not because of somebody else's misfortune, but, because, the old expression goes, things are tough all over. And that's just the way things are. I'm not saying there isn't prosperity, but, sometimes you see situations like that, and if I get so bent out of shape about my situation that I'm not looking at the needs elsewhere, I'm going to lose focus. I'm going to lose focus, and I'm going to derail myself, I'm going to take myself off that train. But, about that desperate, being desperate for God is so far and away different than being desperate for a job, or a relationship, or trying to please somebody. It's a form of trust and it is part of what we need to do to buy gold tried in the fire. That's buying gold tried in the fire, and trusting God. It's what we do even when God tells us to do something we don't want to hear or we need more explanation about. Because I needed explanation about that passage: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing..." I thought, why is God dealing with me about that? I mean, I feel like, you know, as I've gotten older, yeah, I'm trying to save up, and trying to be frugal, and trying to be fiscally responsible, and, yeah, I've gotten a few more things along the way; who doesn't? And I'm not letting myself off the hook, either. I'm not justifying, or

trying to make it sound like, “Oh, yeah, I'm okay, just because everybody else does, too.” But it is about that, if I think I have need of nothing, that ongoing, continuing thought, I'm in trouble. We're in trouble.

We've got one last passage I'm going to read:

2 Corinthians 6:4-10 *But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.*

“Having Nothing, and Yet Possessing All Things,” that's the title for our sermon today. Our riches and our possessions are fleeting, whether we know it or not, whether we believe it or not, but our riches and treasures in God are eternal. I thank you for your time, and God bless you.