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Matthew 24:1, “*And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to [him] for to shew him the buildings of the temple.*”

As Jesus and His disciples were leaving the temple, His disciples came to Jesus. The above verse tells that the reason was to show Him the buildings of the temple. It’s not told why they wanted to show Jesus. Perhaps they wanted to point out the grandeur and beauty of the temple. It could have been the height of the temple they were showing. We do know it was the actual buildings they were pointing out to Jesus.

No doubt many of the people were from small towns and villages and did not regularly see such and, possibly for some of them, this could have been the first time they had seen the temple. Even if they were very familiar with the temple, they wanted to show it to Jesus. It could have been a sense of pride in showing Jesus the beauty of the temple and how it represented the focus of their worship and coming together.

When we go into a new city, we cannot help but look up at the towering buildings that reach well over one hundred stories. Coming from a rural area, it is an awe-inspiring site to see such, especially when there are so

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many. I think our tallest building in Hart County is three stories.

It’s easy to be amazed by such structures when traveling to a large city. It’s natural to say to those with you, “Look at that skyscraper.” Perhaps many of them had this feeling of awe at the magnificence of the temple and were saying to Jesus, “Look.”

In the next verse in Matthew 24:2 we are told, “*And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*” Jesus pointed out all those things to the people and let them know they would be destroyed. The destruction would be so great that there would not be one stone left upon another.

I can’t help but think about this when I see so much construction going on in our world. We see great building being erected. We see highways being expanded with more lanes. Houses, shopping areas, and businesses are constantly being constructed. I often look at these things and think how they will be destroyed.

You almost want to say, what is the purpose, when it will be gone in a few years. There is a purpose. They are needed in the meantime to use for housing, travel, and other needs of society. We need such built, but we also need to realize it’s only temporary.

The buildings and other things about us will crumble with time, but ultimately all things we see will be destroyed at the end. Peter writes in II Peter 3:10, “*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*”

The things about us, and even the sky above us, will be destroyed when the LORD returns. For the faithful though, there is something wonderful

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News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Lauren Candela, Rick Gibbs and Jerry Reynolds, Sandy Duncan and Alice**

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waiting. I Peter 2:13, “*Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*” The LORD has promised new heavens and a new earth.

We need to be “building” our homes in Heaven while things about us are being built here. We are told in I Peter 1:4 what awaits us after this life, “*To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.*” Our home in Heaven will not fade away like the worldly buildings we see about us.

No matter how new a house or building is, it will fade with time and eventually be torn down and something else built. This cycle will repeat itself until the end of time. Don’t place all your efforts in things of this life. It is all for nought. Lay up treasures in Heaven. The only verse in the Bible that mentions “treasures in Heaven” is Matthew 6:20, “*But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.*”

The term “treasure in heaven” (singular) is in three verses of the Bible. (Matthew 19:21, Mark 10:21, Luke 18:22) They all are the account of the young rich man who was told there was one thing he lacked. He was told to sell what he had, give to the poor, and he would have treasure in heaven.

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Sunday, January 28, 2024

Classes	15	Luke 5:1-16
Preaching	24	Matthew 14:23
Contribution	\$1075.00	
Afternoon	8	Malachi 2:1-17

Visitors— Jan 28 (AM) Beverly Gossett, Jonathan & Roberta, Cayden & Jaxon, Nathaniel Lang (Cave City, KY)

Bible Quiz

The covenant with Levi was of life and what?

Last Week’s Answer— The sun (Malachi 1:11)

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Where are our treasures and heart? Are they in material things about us that will crumble and fall in a few years? Or are they in Heaven where the treasures there will never fade or crumble.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)