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Psalm 31:19, “[Oh] how great [is] thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; [which] thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!”

We lay up things so we will have them later. When I was growing up, it was very common to preserve food from the garden to have it laid up in store for the winter when this food was not available. By laying up such food, we knew there would be food later on.

In Matthew 6:20, Jesus says we are to lay up treasures in Heaven. This is done by our actions and the lives we live here. We do this so we will have an abundant reward in Heaven.

We lay up physical as well as spiritual goods to be later enjoyed, but the LORD is said to be laying up something as well. In Psalms 31:19, we learn that the goodness of the LORD is laid up for us. The Psalmist talks about how great is His goodness. It is laid up for them that fear the LORD.

The writer goes on to say that this goodness has been wrought for those who trust in the LORD before the sons of men. It’s for those

who trust in the LORD during their time here. That is the time we are before the sons of men.

One cannot even begin to fathom what the LORD has in store for the righteous after this life. We know the LORD has laid up His goodness and wrought it for us.

Jesus says in John 14:2-3, “²In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.” In these two verses Jesus twice says He is preparing a place for us.

God has laid up His goodness for us. Jesus is preparing a place for us. There is more for us in Heaven than our minds can comprehend. How terrible it would be to lose out on all this since it is laid up and prepared for us.

God and Jesus are not the only ones laying up something for us in Heaven. We are told in Proverbs 13:22, “A good [man] leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner [is] laid up for the just.”

How is the wealth of the sinner laid up for the just? We certainly know that at the end the world and the works that are therein will be burned up. 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.”

I don’t think Proverbs 13:22 is saying we will literally have the physical wealth of the sinners at the end of time. Those things will be destroyed. I feel that the wealth of the sinner is the wealth they could have had eternally in Heaven. They will not have this wealth because they will not be in Heaven. The wealth of the sinner is laid up for us.

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, and Leon Seaton. Denise Miller**, the sister of Sharon Franklin, is having many health issues. Her husband **Gary Miller** is scheduled for surgery in March. **Sandy**

Duncan is scheduled for knee replacement surgery this Wednesday, January 30. It was moved up about six weeks due to injury from a fall. **Larry Compton** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on March 1. **Shirley Parson** is home following surgery on a blocked artery in her neck. She is doing quite well. **Erin Davis** has had her surgery recheduled due to a cold she has.

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Any eternal reward the sinners could have had if saved, will be reserved for the righteous and be ours in Heaven.

The sinners will have no profit at all from their brief time here. It will all be for nought. The righteous will inherit all things. Revelation 21:7, “*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*” For those outside of the LORD there is nothing to inherit after this life.

God is laying up His goodness for us. Jesus is preparing a place for us. Even the sinner is laying up his wealth for the righteous. We have a reward that is indescribable in Heaven. Let’s make sure we do all we can to be there and partake of all that has been laid up for us. Not only has it been laid up for us, but it’s plain from the Bible that we add to our reward in Heaven.

Jesus said in Revelation 22:12, “*And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*” When Jesus returns, there will be no waiting for the reward. It is with Him. Jesus also tells us we are rewarded according to our work.

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Sunday, January 20, 2019		
Classes	10	Hebrews 10:19-25
Preaching	10	John 13:36-14:3
Contribution	\$525.00	
Evening	-	Nehemiah 8:1-8 (online service due to ice)
Wednesday, January 23, 2019		
Classes	12	I Chronicles 27:1-34

Bible Quiz

Ezri was over what work?

Last Week’s Answer— Spoils won in battle (I Chronicles 26:27)

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God has laid up His goodness for us. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. While we are here, we too are to add to our reward. We do this by our works. Let’s do all we can during our few brief years to make this reward as abundant as can be possible.

—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)