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Proverbs 22:4, “*By humility [and] the fear of the LORD [are] riches, and honour, and life.*”

The above verse is telling us that riches, honor, and life come by being humble and fearing the LORD. Yet, there are many faithful people who are poor, no honor is given them, and they die young in life.

The riches, honor, and life talked about in Proverbs 22:4 are not to be found in this life. These are rewards after this life to those who live and die in the LORD.

1. Many scriptures tell us about the riches after this life. Jesus said in 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.*” Our treasures are not to be laid up here. They go away with time and we leave them to someone else.

Jesus told the young man in Matthew 19:21, “*Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me.*”

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The statement of Jesus is not a commandment to us to sell everything. He told this young man to do this because the riches were keeping the young man from following the LORD. Jesus was not taking away his wealth. He was replacing worldly wealth that fades with eternal wealth that never fades away.

Unlike many in the New Testament, this young man was invited to follow Jesus. What a wonderful opportunity to be invited by Jesus Himself to come and follow. Instead, he went away sorrowful. He did not follow the LORD. His wealth came between him and the LORD. His riches would be gone in a few years. If he had chosen the LORD, he would have had heavenly riches eternally.

People will focus upon and pursue things they do not have. Proverbs 23:5 warns against this, “*Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for [riches] certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.*” Our wealth makes wings and flies away. Riches of this life will not last. Only those treasures we lay up in Heaven are eternal.

2. The honor in Proverbs 22:4 that we obtain by humility and following the LORD is not of this world, but in the life that follows. We do not obtain honor from the world for following the LORD. We are chided and ridiculed for our belief and trust in the LORD. But we gladly give up all honor here for the honor that is eternal.

The last two verses in the Bible that mention honor are both in Revelation 21. Verse 24, “*And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*” Verse 26, “*And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*”

Revelation 21:24 is not talking about kings of the earth who rule over nations. Many of them will not be among the saved. Who then is John

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry, Denise Miller** (the sister of Sharon Franklin). **Enola Zigler** (aunt of Mike Burd) is now home and doing quite well following hip replacement surgery. **Wanda Bozarth** (mother of Ruby Edwards) had to visit the emergency room this past Wednesday. They thought it might be a stroke. Fortunately, it was not. She is low on potassium.

—We extend our sympathies to the aunt of Sharon Franklin, **Lula Cheatham**, who passed away this past week. Funeral services were this past Thursday in Columbia, KY.

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talking about? He is talking about us, the saved. Revelation 1:5-6, “⁵And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, ⁶And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 5:10, “And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

We are the kings who will bring glory and honor into Heaven. We have no honor among the world, and do not seek after that honor. The glory and honor that will be bestowed upon us is eternal honor given us in Heaven. It will forever be upon us.

3. The life that is given to those who humble themselves and fear the LORD is eternal life. We have life here, but it’s only for a few days. The true life we await is everlasting life. Just as looking forward to something in life, we look toward this eternal life. Jude 25, “*Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*”

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Sunday, September 8, 2019		
Classes	23	I Peter 1:10-14
Preaching	29	The Christian Way (Act 2:38-47)
Contribution	\$741.00	
Evening	14	Matthew 23:1-22
Wednesday, September 11, 2019		
Classes	17	II Chronicles 30:1-27

Visitors— Sep 8 (AM) Andy, Marsha, Clay, & Hannah Wagoner (Bowling Green, KY)

Bible Quiz

The altars taken out of Jerusalem were cast where?

Last Week’s Answer— Star (Revelation 22:16)

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This eternal life is given to us by the LORD. Jesus said in John 10:28, “*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand.*” It’s such a comforting thought to know that after this life, the saved have everlasting life and it can never be taken away.

We are told in Proverbs that those who humble themselves and fear the LORD have riches, honor, and life. We do have all those waiting for us after this life to enjoy throughout the endless ages.

—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)