

A fluffy white lamb stands in a lush green field, looking towards the left. The lamb's wool is thick and soft, and its legs are white. The background is a soft-focus green field.

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 to 7)

8. Two masters...

A large, dense crowd of people, likely in a desert or mountainous region, filling the background of the image. The people are dressed in traditional, simple clothing, and the overall scene is hazy and bright, suggesting a vast, open landscape.

**They brought Him all the sick
...and He healed them.**

(Matthew 4:24)

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain,
and when He sat down, **His disciples** came to Him.

And He opened His mouth **and taught them...**

(Matthew 5:1-3)

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me,
all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and
learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Learn from Me

Matthew 6:19-24

- Setting right priorities

Matthew 6:25-34

- Freedom for the Kingdom

Treasure in heaven...

Matthew 6:19-24

What we
value most

Do not lay up for yourselves **treasures on earth**,
where moth and rust destroy
and where thieves break in and steal,
but lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**,
where neither moth nor rust destroys
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Keep your heart
with all vigilance...
(Proverbs 4:23)

For where **your treasure** is,
there **your heart** will be also.
(Matthew 6:19-21)



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there **your heart** will be also.**

The eye is the lamp of the body.

So, if your eye is healthy,
your whole body will be full of light,

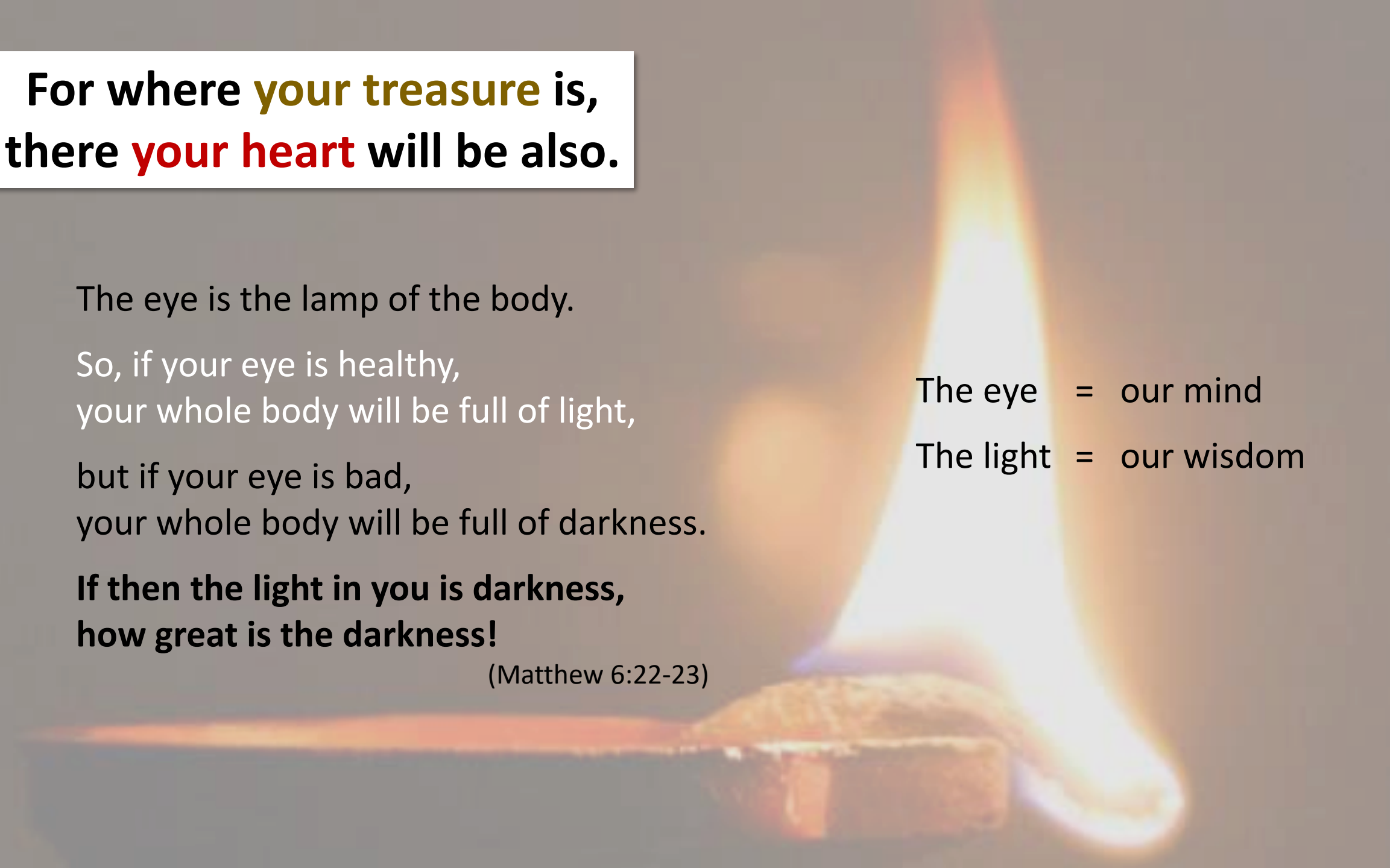
but if your eye is bad,
your whole body will be full of darkness.

**If then the light in you is darkness,
how great is the darkness!**

(Matthew 6:22-23)

The eye = our mind

The light = our wisdom



For where your treasure is,
there **your heart** will be also.

kyrios = supreme
in authority, owner

No one can serve two masters,
for either he will **hate** the one and **love** the other,
or
he will be **devoted** to the one and **despise** the other.

You cannot serve God and money.

(Matthew 6:24)

Treasure on earth

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Questions for reflection...

Is your treasure
on **earth** or in **heaven**?



Where is
your heart?



Is your wisdom
light or **darkness**?



Who or what
are you serving?



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Matthew 6:25-34

Therefore I tell you,
do not be anxious about your life,
what you will eat or what you will drink,
nor about your body, what you will put on.

As if that were the
most important thing

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Genesis 1:27
Psalm 8:3-5

**Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothing?**

(Matthew 6:25)

Do not be anxious...



Look at the birds of the air:
they neither sow nor reap
nor gather into barns,
and yet **your heavenly Father** feeds them.



Are you not of more value than they?

(Matthew 6:26)



Do not be anxious...

**And which of you by being anxious
can add a single hour to his span of life?**

(Matthew 6:27)

A vibrant field of red poppies and yellow wildflowers stretches towards a bright, hazy horizon. The foreground is filled with large, bright red poppies, some in full bloom and others as buds. Interspersed among them are smaller yellow wildflowers. The background shows a vast field of similar flowers, leading to a line of trees and a bright sky. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and abundance.

Do not be anxious...

And why are you anxious about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these.

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And why are you anxious about clothing?

But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

(Matthew 6:28-30)

Do not be anxious...

Therefore

do not be anxious, saying,

‘What shall we eat?’

or ‘What shall we drink?’

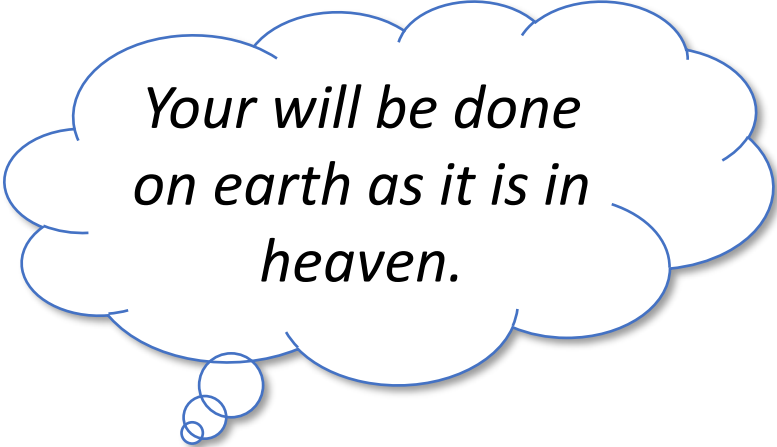
or ‘What shall we wear?’

People with no
knowledge of God

For the Gentiles seek after all these things,
and **your heavenly Father** knows that
you need them all.

(Matthew 6:31-32)

Do not be anxious...



*Your will be done
on earth as it is in
heaven.*

BUT

**seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,**

and all these things
will be added to you.

(Matthew 6:33)


} Where the Lord reigns
in our heart and life

Seek first the kingdom of God

Why?

- ✓ We are called to this privilege – it is wide open to us.
- ✓ Our Father knows, and cares about, all our needs.
- ✓ This “narrow way” is the only way for the Lord’s disciples.

Do not be anxious...



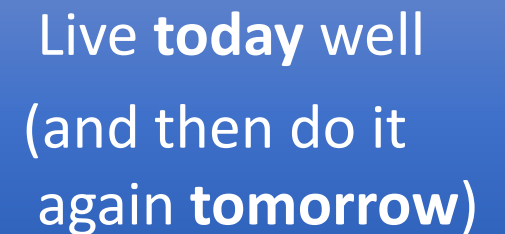
*Give us this
day our daily
bread...*

Therefore

do not be anxious about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.

Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

(Matthew 6:34)



Live **today** well
(and then do it
again **tomorrow**)

Seek first the kingdom of God...

What have we heard?

- ✓ **Search** your own heart – what do you value most?
- ✓ **Trust** in the goodness of our Father to be free from anxiety.
- ✓ **Pursue** His plan and purpose for your life as the first thing.
- ✓ **Learn** to deal with each day's challenges each day.

A large crowd of people, likely a biblical scene, is shown in a desert landscape. The people are dressed in traditional, simple clothing, and many are carrying heavy loads on their backs. The scene is overlaid with text.

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