

Shattered Sermon Series Map

September 07- September 21

WORRY! What do you worry about on a daily basis? Do you worry about death, life, war, natural disasters? Do you worry about your marriage, your family, your relationship with your spouse or with your children? Do you worry about the economy or your finances? What if I told you that you could live a life that was worry-free and grace driven instead of stress-ridden? Would you be interested? Come and found out more as we deal with the Shattered Sermon Series!

Sermon Series Summary

Series Passage

- **Psalm 40:1-3 (NIV)** – ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Series Question

- What if you could live a life free of worry, would you be interested?

Series Prayer

- Oh, Lord Hear My Cry. Help me turn my worry into Praise of your Holy Name!

Sermon Three – Shattered Finances

Sermon Date: September 21, 2008

Main Text: Matthew 6:19-24 – ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴“No one can serve two masters. 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 both God and Money.

Big Idea: We are in difficult financial times as we examine the state of our economy and things do not appear to be getting any better in the near future. It is easy to be consumed with worry and stress about our finances but what if we began getting control of our finances before they began getting control of us. It begins with our priorities of what we are living for.

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Question #1 – What do Value the most in this life?

Choice #1 – You Must Choose Between Two Treasures

- **Colossians 3:1-3**
- **Key Point** – Most Christians do not want to admit that they may not have the right priorities in their life. They say that believe in God and love God but when it comes down to it, they may not always want to live according to God's rules. In order to reclaim our shattered finances then we begin by looking at the first of three questions we must and three choices we must make. The first question helps us get to the heart of the matter. Which treasure are you seeking in this life, worldly or eternal? This will determine where your heart or true motivation is at.

Question #2 – What do you Focus on the most in this life?

Choice #2 – You Must Choose Between Two Perspectives

- **Philippians 4:8**
- **Key Point** – The second question brings us to ask what our true focus is in this life. What do we spend the bulk of our time focusing our heart and mind upon? What are we taking into our hearts and minds? This will determine what comes out in the form of action!

Question #3 – Who do you Serve in this life?

Choice #3 – You Must Choose Between Two Masters

Key Point – The final question forces to make the self-evaluation as to which master we are serving in this life. Are we serving God by making the first priority in our lives or are we serving something or someone else in place of God as the top priority? If we want to reclaim our shattered financial outlook then we must begin by making the right investment and serving the right master.

Study Notes on Passage:

Four Contrasts in Passage

- **What We Have = Our possessions**
 - **Contrast #1** – Treasures in Earth...Treasures on Heaven
 - **The Heart of the matter** – **Will you possess your possessions or will they possess you!**
- **What We Are = Our focus & direction**
 - **Contrast #2** – Outer/Visible Treasure...Inner/invisible treasure
 - **Contrast #3** – If the eye is clear...if the eye is bad
 - **Contrast #4** – A body full of light...a body full of darkness
 - **Colossians 3:1-3** – Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
 - **Philippians 4:8** – Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is

admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

- Whatever we think on, we become.
- **The Heart of the matter** – Will you have the right focus or the wrong focus?

Memory Verse

Psalm 40:3 (NIV) – He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Questions to Consider

- What do you value most in this life? Explain it, prove it.
- Is this what God values most for your life? Explain.

Big Challenge

Our desire is to help you pick up the pieces in your shattered life. We invite you to take part in one of our new classes focused on the Shattered topics in order to help you reclaim restoration in your life: **Sunday Morning Classes** – Budgeting 101, Maximizing Your Marriage, or Value Packed Parenting... **Wednesday Night Classes** – Faith Matters, New Testament Review, or Maximizing Your Marriage.

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