



Maundy Thursday

Lent is a good time for spiritual reflection beneath the cross of Jesus and to take a spiritual inventory of our heavenly treasure. The Bible says, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34). When we examine the treasures of our heart, will they reflect the glory of God or the tarnish and rust of human endeavor? Are they of a temporal nature or an eternal nature?

In August of 1992, Andrew, a hurricane of monstrous proportions, swung across the tip of Florida and into Louisiana, causing damage of unprecedented proportions. Many people lost all their earthly possessions. No matter how secure things seem, earthly treasures are not permanent and can be taken away without a moment's notice.

Through this Lenten season, we have drawn near to the Cross of Calvary and have cried out with David, "Search me O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way" (Psalm 139:23-24).

Through meditation and prayer, continue to let God examine your heart to reveal your sinful attitudes and ways. Then lay your sins at the foot of the cross and ask for forgiveness. Experience the forgiving grace of Jesus Christ in your heart. Remember that the cross was the dumping-ground for the sin refuse of mankind. My sin, your sin, and the sin of the world was heaped upon Jesus at Calvary. He bore the torments of hell for us. He hung there in our place. He paid the penalty for all sin. That is why we can approach the cross without fear of condemnation. It is a place of unconditional and eternal love! And in His Holy Supper, we find the blood of Christ that cleanses us "from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). This is far more precious than any earthly treasure.

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