

Proverbs 10 Verses 2 Treasures

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Again applying the scripture seen in: ***Joh 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*** We will see a prophetic picture through the comparison of natural and spiritual things.

"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing:" Those things in life that are gained by unrighteous actions and by fraudulent means are not profitable in the long term. They may make you rich in the here and now; but what of the eternal aspect? We must understand, deeds done in hypocrisy are not recognized by God, in a good way.

"but righteousness delivereth from death." Solomon is explaining that those who steal, cheat, and lie to get worldly possessions are subject to be put under the sentence of death. However, against doing the right things there is no law or penalty of death. There is an easy application to see and understand in our natural lives.

"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing:" We remember that God's blessings are bestowed upon the righteous and the unrighteous alike in nature, meaning that God sends the rain, weather, and productivity of the earth upon all alike. However, in the spiritual realm, if a dead and alienated sinner has not been born again, then all they do is unrighteous, and thereby are unprofitable toward eternal reward. What do you mean? Let's paint a picture of revelation, with God's help.

God's kingdom upon the earth is the church. One, who is not born again, may come forward and join the church; they may make beautiful confessions of faith, and do many good things in life. However, all those things are done in hypocrisy, and God does not recognize them at all, in a good way.

Mt 6:1-2 1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Indeed they do have a reward, and it is an eternal reward that is under the penalty of eternal death and suffering in the eternal lake of fire.

"but righteousness delivereth from death." On the polar opposite end of the spectrum; we see one who has been born again, may join the church; make beautiful confessions of faith, and do many good things. This is recognized by God and there is reward for these good and faithful actions. Again seen in scripture in:

Mt 6:3-4 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. Certainly it is not hard to understand this scripture.

Also, consider the scripture in: ***Mt 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?***

Righteousness is a gift from God, through Jesus Christ, to God's people. When we are born again and receive new and eternal life; we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Jesus's shed and atoning blood has removed us from under the penalty of death. This text makes it easy to understand; whatsoever you may gain in this life is of no true value if it has no eternal reward.

Continuing on with rewards in eternity let's look at some other scriptures that are easily understood:

Mt 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Mt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Lu 16:22-26; 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. This parable probably explains our verse better than I can. The rich man had in this life great treasures "**Treasures of wickedness profit nothing:**" but; when he died we see that it brought him to hell and torment. Lazarus had in this life trials, troubles, and tribulations, "**but righteousness delivereth from death.**" but, when he died he had the best treasure to be had, eternal life in comfort, peace, and joy unspeakable.

Thus we see; the worst treasure to be had is that of the loss of the soul, body, and spirit, in eternal damnation. The treasures of wickedness are of their father the devil.

The greatest treasure to be had is the salvation of the soul, spirit, and body, in eternity; these treasures of righteousness are of their father, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All this gives more clarity to **Pr 10:3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.** And this verse gives greater clarity to the whole exposition of these two verses.

- What a wondrous glory; that God would love sinners, in their lost condition
- What a wondrous glory; that Christ would die to save sinners!
- What a wondrous glory; that God would make provision, that the righteous receive the greatest treasure to be had; eternal life with God and Christ in the eternal heaven and earth.

Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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