

In verse 33 the Lord instructs His disciples to deposit their treasure in heaven, where “*no thief approaches and no moth destroys.*” The parallel passage in Matthew 6:20 adds the danger of rust.

The tendency of things to deteriorate is a constant backdrop to our existence. How much of our lives do we devote to combating moth holes, rust, mold, rot, wear, mildew, warping, corrosion, spoiling, fading, aging, decrepitude, and ruin? It’s a constant battle against the forces of disintegration.

Good news! We will win the battle! Romans 8 assures us “*the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the*

glory of the children of God.” And this applies not just to our things but our very selves. “*For this perishable body must put on the imperishable*” (1 Corinthians 15:53). How we can look forward to that day.

But we can participate in it now as well. We are redeemed “*not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot*” (1 Peter 1:18-19). His blood, more lasting than gold or silver, has opened an account for us in the heavenly bank and the Holy Spirit has placed a guarantee upon it. What investment is safer and more profitable than in this account?

Questions:

1. In this chapter are lessons given by sparrows, ravens, and flowers. How are the lessons different? What is common?
2. What does seeking God’s kingdom look like?
3. How can we deposit treasure in the heavens?

4. What is symbolized by the master returning in verses 35-38? The rapture? Christ's coming for judgment? What is this telling us to do?
5. Verses 42-48 present a contrast between a good manager, or steward, and a bad one. In what ways can we be good or bad stewards?
6. Explain verse 48.