



**Recap from
previous study:**

*Our Father:
The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:9-15*

- Because of the covenant with the Son, Jesus, we are now children of God.
- We can boldly approach God in prayer.


**MATT.
6:19-24**

TREASURES THEY DETERMINE OUR PATH

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin 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 healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, 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 you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.



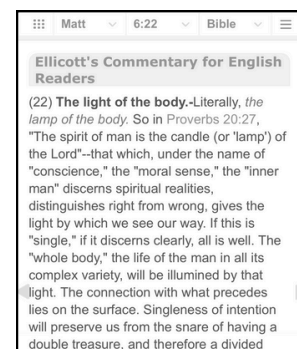
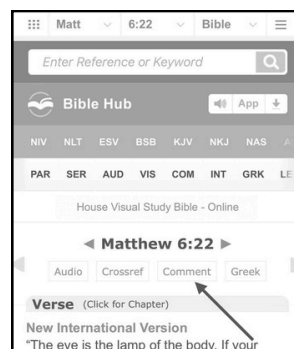
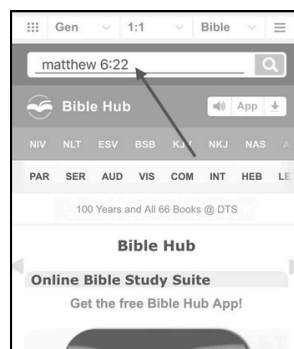
LET'S EXPLORE MATTHEW 6:19-24

Observe:

- Verses 19-21: "...store up for yourselves..."
 - We know what earthly treasures look like, what are some examples of *treasures in heaven*?
 - *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
 - *Treasure* is an object, *there* implies a location / destination.
 - Discuss how your heart's desires play a huge role in the direction of your life's choices.
- Verse 22: The eye is the lamp of the body.
 - Look up "eye" in the concordance (Strong's Greek 3788 ὀφθαλμός - ophthalmos - page 184 in the Greek section of the book)
 - Look up "healthy" in the concordance (Strong's Greek 573 ἀπλοῦς (haplous - page 34 in the Greek section of the book)
 - Look up "unhealthy" in the concordance (Strong's Greek 4190 ponéros - page 207 in the Greek section of the book)
- Verse 24: Two masters are mentioned, what are they?
 - What makes them a master?

Interpret:

- What do you believe this passage means?
- What is God speaking to you personally through this study?
- Go to BibleHub.com
 - Search Matthew 6:22 in the search bar at the top & then click on magnifying glass icon
 - Click on *Comment* for trusted commentaries. (instructions below)





NOW, LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus encourages us to think deeply about what we truly value, teaching that our heart's desires shape the path we're on. The passage reminds us that what we focus on becomes our guide. Jesus calls our inner perspective the "eye" of our heart, urging us to keep it clear and focused on godly desires. When our heart is locked on God and His Kingdom, we're on solid ground, moving toward a life filled with purpose, peace, and contentment.

However, if we fixate on wealth, power, or material things, it's like our "eye" becomes cloudy, turning our focus away from what truly matters. These desires can slip into the driver's seat of our lives, steering us in ways we may not even recognize at first. They'll consume our energy and, before we know it, we're serving those things instead of God. Jesus warns us that we can't split our loyalty between God and the pursuit of material gain – the two are different destinations with opposite directions, one of them will always win out. So, He challenges us to look inward and ask ourselves where our heart is really aimed because that's the path we're choosing to follow. Keeping our focus on God brings light, while anything else will only lead to darkness.

This passage is a call to examine our everyday choices. Are we investing our time, energy, and resources into things that bring us closer to God and reflect His love, or are we caught in a cycle of seeking what the world says we need? When we allow God to be our focal point, our desires shift, and our lives naturally align with His purposes. The beauty of keeping our hearts set on God is that it brings freedom from the anxiety of chasing temporary goals. Our path becomes clearer, and with every step, we experience a deeper sense of fulfillment that only comes from serving something eternal.



APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- If you evaluated where most of your time, energy, and resources are going, what would that reveal about your current “master”?
- What desires or pursuits tend to cloud the “eye” of your inner being and distract you from focusing on God’s Kingdom?
 - How can you realign your heart to keep God as your primary focus?
- What is one area of your life where you feel divided between pursuing God’s desires and worldly goals, and what step can you take this week to refocus your heart on God’s Kingdom?
 - What steps can you take to ensure your loyalty *remains* with God rather than worldly pursuits?
- Reflect on a time when material goals or status became more important than your faith.
 - What impact did this have on your peace, relationships, or overall sense of direction?

Closing Prayer...

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us where our hearts truly belong. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on You and Your Kingdom, setting aside our desires for wealth, power, or any temporary things that can pull us away from Your love. Open our eyes to see the beauty of a life focused on You, filled with purpose and peace.

Teach us to invest in things that last, that bring us closer to You and reflect Your goodness in our world. Guide our steps, Lord, so that our lives might be a reflection of Your light, and keep us steadfast in pursuing the eternal. In Jesus name, amen.

