

THE HAVES and THE HAVE NOTS

TEXT:

1 John 5:12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

The world is filled with two classes of people - Those who **have** and those who **have not**. The Poor want what the Rich have, and the Rich want more than they need. Labor tries to squeeze higher wages out of capital. The wealthy pretend they are a cow gone dry.

The pickpocket tries to get from him who has, because he is a **have not**. Stealing has become a three billion dollar business in the United States. It is not all done by the poor either, for many white-collars are stealing their employers blind.

In the **twelfth chapter of Luke**, Jesus tells of a very rich man. He had more than he needed, but he wanted more. So, he tore down good barns and built larger ones in order to house all his surplus. Then he said to himself:



Luke 12:19: And I will say to my soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry".

But the Lord heard and paid him an unexpected visit, and He said,

Luke 12:20: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

That is the big question which troubles many who have much: Who is going to get what I got?

There is a law of life which says:

2 Corinthians 9:6: But this I say, “He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”

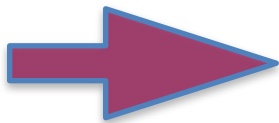
Another law says:

Proverbs 11:24-25:

²⁴ There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

²⁵ The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Luke 6:38: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.



The Lord didn't fall out with the rich man because he had much. It was because of what he did with it that destroyed his soul, for his covetousness turned his gold into his god.

Jesus then made His application to everyone, saying in **verse 21**:

Luke 12:21: So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

If our prosperity turns us toward God, and not away from Him, He will bless us.

Psalms 1:3: And He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth His fruit in His season; His leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever He doeth shall prosper.

The next part of the life of that rich man shows him so poor in Hell that he begs for a drop of water. Lazarus, who was God's poor rich man, basks in heavenly wealth and treasures which he had laid up in Heaven.

The rich man asks help of him, for he knew Lazarus



and what a wonderful testimony he had born to his household. Now Lazarus has, and the rich man has not. Before, to the natural eye, it was the opposite; but in reality Lazarus had what our text says:

John 3:36: He that believeth on the Son hath Everlasting Life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Why? - Because, he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

IN CHRIST:

We have a life that can never end.

John 8:51: Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death.

We have a peace that passeth all understanding.

Philippians 4:7: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

We have a rest that cannot be disturbed.

Matthew 11:28: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

We have a light that cannot be darkened.

John 8:12: Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, "I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life."



We have a strength that can never be weakened.

2 Corinthians 12:9: And He said unto me, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me".

We have a treasure that can never be exhausted.

Philippians 4:19: But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

We are SUPPOSED TO HAVE, in addition:

1. Faith in God

Mark 11:22: And Jesus answering saith unto them, "Have Faith in God".

2. Love for one to another

John 13:35: By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.



3. Patience — that after ye have done the Will of God ye might receive the promise. (inherit the promise)

Hebrews 10:36: For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the Will of God, ye might receive the Promise.

WHAT IS IT THAT WE HAVE NOW?

Peter asked Jesus this in:

Matthew 19:27: Then answered Peter and said unto Him, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?"

The Answer:

1. An advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous

1 John 2:1: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous:

2. An unction from the Holy One:

1 John 2:20: But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

3. The petitions we desire of Him

1 John 5:15: And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

4. Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Philippians 4:7 And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



5. Access by faith into this grace, wherein, we stand

Romans 5:1-2:

¹ Therefore being Justified by Faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

² By Whom also we have access by Faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the Glory of God.

6. The Mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:16: For who hath known the Mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the Mind of Christ.

7. Hope

2 Corinthians 3:12: Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:



8. Liberty which we have in Christ

Galatians 2:4: And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

9. Redemption through His Blood

Ephesians 1:7: In Whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace;

10. A Great High Priest that is passed into the Heavens

Hebrews 4:14: Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, Who is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [to Christ and the Cross] our profession.

11. Treasure in earthen vessels BY GOD'S power

2 Corinthians 4:7: But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

12. All that I have is thine [Parable of the Prodigal Son].

Luke 15:31: And he said unto him [the prodigal son], "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine".

13. A house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:1: For we know that if our earthly house [physical body] of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

14. We have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance.

Hebrews 10:34: . . . knowing in yourselves that ye have in Heaven a better and enduring substance.

Jesus told His disciples they were to:

Matthew 10:8: Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Jesus begins explaining His purpose of speaking in Parables:

Matthew 13:12: For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.



What does this mean? IF we have not been free and given out and used what talents God has given to us, if we stingily hold to ourselves, we will lose. Just like the one-talent man. The other two men gave forth, used, and gained the more.

We have spoken of the "Haves", and now,

what about the "Have Nots"???

He that hath the SON hath LIFE;

and he that hath not the SON OF GOD hath not life.

If we have Jesus in our heart, we have everything we need for time and eternity.

If we do not have Jesus within, we have lost everything.

If Christ is kept outside, there is something wrong inside.

1. HAVE NOT GOD'S WORD ABIDING [living] in THEM.

John 5:38: And ye have not His Word abiding in you: for Whom He [Father God] hath sent, Him [Jesus] ye believe not.

Romans 10:17: So then Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Luke 8:12: Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.



2. HAVE NOT the LOVE of GOD in THEM.

John 5:42: But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

3. HAVE NOT the SPIRIT of GOD.

Romans 8:9: But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

4. HAVE NOT KNOWN the WAY of PEACE.

Romans 3:17: And the way of peace have they not known:

5. HAVE NOT ETERNAL LIFE.

Matthew 19:16: And, behold, one [a rich young ruler] came and said unto Him [Jesus], "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have Eternal Life?"



6. HAVE NOT HOPE and are WITHOUT GOD in this WORLD.

Ephesians 2:12: That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the Covenants of Promise, having no hope, and [living] without God in [this] the world:

1 Thessalonians 4:13: But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep [refers to Believers who have died], that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope [those who do not know the Lord].



To you — is this Gospel sent, for the Gospel is good news that you can have the forgiveness of sins, peace in your lonely soul, and **a brand new life in Christ.**

He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son shall not see life.”

Do you ask me again to tell you what it

means? Jesus said:

John 5:24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him [Father God] Who sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Jesus is speaking to you. And this does not mean that you “hope” you have this life eternal. HATH does not spell hope. Jesus must mean what He said.

But who does this include? Surely it could not mean just anybody, could it???

It means: **Whosoever believeth has this Eternal Life!**

Dear friends, it is not “him that feeleth” or “him that prayeth” or “him that trieth”. Now look at Who is saying these words. It is JESUS HIMSELF!

Now, may I ask a question?

Do you “have” it — This Everlasting Life?

I am giving you this opportunity to come and receive this GIFT of Eternal Life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

John 1:12: As many as received Him [Jesus], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His [Jesus'] Name:



ARE YOU?

Acts 4:12: Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other name [other than JESUS] under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



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