

*The Rock House Church*  
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Today **GOD IS MY** "Focal Point"

**TO FEAR GOD** --- **IS TO REALLY LIVE**  
**To Know the Truth--then LIVE the Truth--Will Change Everything**

**TODAY'S ENCOURAGEMENT:** "Have you ever wondered why you don't hear Me speaking to you? Does it seem to you that when you need to Hear from Me at the most important times---silence? Could it be that you don't ask? Or are asking with the wrong motivations?" (thinking about this; maybe true sometimes)

"It is My greatest delight, as your Father God, to give to you My best gifts for every situation----so here is the problem---you're not looking for My gift---you're looking for an answer, or a way out. Right?" (thinking about this---well maybe---sometimes--yes)

"Come and [Psalm 37:4] "Delight" yourself in Me, your God---your giver of Life. Come and "Treasure" My Word. Question for you right here: Do you "Treasure" My words? Remember now----this is My answer to your "why" question---[Luke 12:34] where a man's treasure is---'there is his heart'." (thinking about this)

"Here are My "Gifts" I have for you today---they never change----they, My Gifts to you, are always yours to take; My gift of 'Father's Perfect Love'---take it; then there is MY Gift of 'your acceptance into My Family'----My perfect Love puts down every fear---take it, receive it. Last is My Gift of 'My Holy Spirit'--A fresh anointing every morning---just ask, just believe then take, receive your fresh today Gifts."

**TODAY'S POST:** Martha Whiting:[ Face Book Post] Does the fact that God, your creator, loves you stir in your heart to care deeply about what He has prepared for you(Do you remember anticipating Christmas? Is that not the way we should be looking forward to what has been prepared for us? If that is the case we should be energized to live in the current moment with a deep joy knowing the best is yet to come. The bottom line is this: God loves me and He wants to share His eternity with me. Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a special and lovely place where we can come and live with Him forever. Let's change our way of thinking and anticipate that Day when we will all be gathered HOME.

**Psalm 42:5** "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation."

**TODAY'S QUESTION:** **June 4:** Question was, Who Am I? My personal identity.

I know who I am:

- 1) I am a believer in the Resurrection Power of Jesus [Romans 6:13](#)
- 2) I am Your child---a child of the living King---Jesus [Romans 8:16-21](#)
- 3) I am bought with the Blood of Jesus [1 John 1:7](#)
- 4) I am an heir of His Kingdom [Romans 8:17](#), [Titus 3:7](#)
- 5) I am a friend of the King [John 15:15-16](#)
- 6) I am chosen [1 Peter 2:9](#)
- 7) I am accepted [Romans 15:7](#)
- 8) I am loved [John 3:16](#)
- 9) I am forgiven; [Eph. 1:7](#)
- 10) I am free from \_\_\_\_\_; [1 Corinthians 6:20](#)

- 11) I am saved from death; Romans 6:23
- 12) I am redeemed; 1 Peter 1:18-19
- 13) I am alive Romans 6:11, 8:10
- 14) I am filled with the presence of the living God 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- 15) I am the temple of the Living God 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

**June 11:** Question was “How is your heart? Do you have a thankful heart?”

- 1) **Proverbs 15:13** A joyful heart makes a cheerful face,  
But when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken.
- 2) **Proverbs 17:22** A joyful heart is good medicine,  
But a broken spirit dries up the bones.
- 3) **Psalms 35:27** Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, “The Lord be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant.”
- 4) **Ephesians 5:20** always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father
- 5) **Colossians 3: 15-16** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
**Philippians 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God
- 6) George Osborne: Keep a thankful heart for both little and big things. **BE CONTINUALLY THANKFUL!** Daily acknowledge His faithfulness, presence, and power with thanksgiving. Praise Him for His mercies, His abundant grace, and multiple provisions. Worship Him for who He is. [His character, love, mercy, faithfulness, & patience.] Celebrate the fact that HE has made you to be His beloved child and He is even now keeping you. **BEHOLD HIM** – see that HE is involved in every moment of your life [happy and difficult] and that HE is there working for **Your good!** **Review** His promises; & **BE THANKFUL** for **every one!**

**June 16: Question is; “What is your ‘Treasure’?” and “Where is your treasure?”**

Definition: Precious object; something valuable; someone highly valued.

Find the hidden treasures in this reading:

- 1) Proverbs 3:1-26 My son, do not forget my teaching,(TREASURE THEM) But let your heart keep my commandments; <sup>2</sup>For *length of days and years of life And peace they will add* to you.  
<sup>3</sup>Do not let kindness and truth leave you; (TREASURE THEM) Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup>So you will *find favor and good repute* In the sight of God and man.  
<sup>5</sup>Trust (treasure) in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him,(Thankful Heart) And *He will make your paths straight*.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes; (I am His )Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup>It will be *healing to your body And refreshment to your bones*.  
<sup>9</sup>Honor the LORD from your wealth And from the first of all your produce;(Thankfulness)  
<sup>10</sup>So *your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine*.  
<sup>11</sup>My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD Or loathe His reproof, (I am His)  
<sup>12</sup>For whom *the LORD loves He reproves*, Even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he delights.  
<sup>13</sup>How blessed is the man who finds wisdom(TREASURE) And the man who gains understanding.  
<sup>14</sup>For *her profit is better than the profit of silver* And her gain better than fine gold.  
<sup>15</sup>She is more precious than jewels;(Thankful heart) And nothing you desire compares with her.  
<sup>16</sup>*Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor*.  
<sup>17</sup>Her ways are *pleasant ways* And all *her paths are peace*.(Thanks Giving)  
<sup>18</sup>She is *a tree of life*(I am His)to those who take hold of her, And *happy are all who hold her fast*.  
<sup>19</sup>The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens.  
<sup>20</sup>By His knowledge the deeps were broken up And the skies drip with dew.

<sup>21</sup> My son, let them not vanish from your sight; Keep sound wisdom and discretion,(Treasure)  
<sup>22</sup> So they *will be life to your soul* (Thankful Heart)And *adornment to your neck*.(I belong to Him)  
<sup>23</sup> Then you will *walk in your way securely* And your *foot will not stumble*.(Treasure)  
<sup>24</sup> When you lie down, you will *not be afraid*; When you lie down, your *sleep will be sweet*.  
<sup>25</sup> Do not be afraid of sudden fear Nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes;  
<sup>26</sup> For *the LORD will be your confidence* And will *keep your foot from being caught*.(T.H.;I Am; T.)

- 2) **Matthew 12:44-45** Jesus said: *“The kingdom of heaven is like a **treasure** hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”*
- 3) **Matthew 6:19-24** Jesus said: *“Do not store up for yourselves **treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear,(focused on God) your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, (focused of flesh) your whole body will be full of darkness.( What does He mean here?) If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*

**TODAY'S WORD: Philippians 3** “Finally, my brethren, **rejoice in the Lord**.(Thankful Heart) Whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,(TREASURE) and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; (I am bought with His Blood) in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained *it* (Treasure)or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what *lies ahead*, I press on toward the goal, my treasure, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude;-----let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained. Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god (treasure) is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

**Philippians 4:4-6** *Rejoice in the Lord always*; again I will say, **rejoice!** Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren,(TREASURE) whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** Adam Stadtmiller said, "Prayer has a way of blowing wind into other sails in your life that you might not even be praying about."

\*\*\*\*\***Luke 11:13** Jesus said: *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"*\*\*\*\*\*

"Do you have fears and doubts? Speak to Me, spend time with Me, then sweet joy will flow into your heart."

**C.S. Lewis said,** *"True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."*  
*"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."*

**TODAY'S HUMOR:** You've heard of Murphy's law right?

Yes . . . Why?

It states that anything that can go wrong will go wrong, but have you heard of Cole's law?

No . . . Well what is it?

A New Heart Max Lucado: Some years ago I underwent a heart procedure. My heartbeat had the regularity of a telegraph operator sending Morse code. Fast, fast, fast. Sloooooow. After several failed attempts to restore healthy rhythm with medication, my doctor decided I should have a catheter ablation. The plan went like this: a cardiologist would insert two cables in my heart via a blood vessel. One was a camera; the other was an ablation tool. To ablate is to burn. Yes, burn, cauterize, singe, brand. If all went well, the doctor, to use his coinage, would destroy the "misbehaving" parts of my heart.

As I was being wheeled into surgery, he asked if I had any final questions. (Not the best choice of words.) I tried to be witty. "You're burning the interior of my heart, right?"

"Correct." I asked, "You intend to kill the misbehaving cells, yes?"

"That is my plan."

"As long as you are in there, could you take your little blowtorch to some of my greed, selfishness, superiority, and guilt?"

He smiled and answered, "Sorry, that's out of my pay grade."

Indeed it was, but it's not out of God's. He is in the business of changing hearts.

We would be wrong to think this change happens overnight. But we would be equally wrong to assume change never happens at all. It may come in fits and spurts – an "aha" here, a breakthrough there. But it comes. "The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared" (**Titus 2:11**). The floodgates are open, and the water is out. You just never know when grace will seep in.

Could you use some?

Spurgeon: **Numbers 21:17** *Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it."*

We who believe the promise of God should rejoice in the prospect of divine revivals in our souls, and as we experience them our holy joy should overflow. Are we thirsting? Let us not murmur, but sing. Spiritual thirst is hard to bear, but we don't need to bear it—it's a promise; so let's be of good heart, and look for it. Moreover, the well was *the centre of prayer*. "Spring up, O well." What God has engaged to give, we must inquire after! O that God the Holy Spirit would work in us with all His mighty power, filling us with all the fullness of God. Let's stir ourselves to seek Him From where all Life's fresh springs comes.

*Answer to Humor: (It's thinly sliced cabbage.)*