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## Much More Treasures

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Hebrews 11:6 “. . . He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

The Bible is rich ground from which many treasures can be unearthed by diligent seekers. Treasure hunting in the Bible always brings much more than we expect. The following treasure truths come from the “**much more**” verses.

### 1. Much More Valuable

Luke 12:24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

Matthew 6:30, Luke 12:28 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

We are eternal and better than birds. God's creature is more valuable than any of His creation (flora or fauna). God promises to supply all our needs. (Philippians 4:19)

Matthew 7:11, Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Our heavenly Father is a great giver of only good things. God gives us Jesus (from which the atonement blessings come) who sends the Holy Spirit (bringing the gifts for service and fruit for maturity). (John 14:26, 1Corinthians 12:8-10, Galatians 5:22-23)

\* Our Father in heaven loves and values us more because of His nature and His ability. If He cares and is able to number the hairs of our heads (Matthew 10:30), why should we worry and fear the future?

### 2. Much More Justified

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Much more is the comparison of our justification and His wrath. We are eternally justified, made righteous, by His blood not temporarily by blood of goats and calves (Hebrews 9:12). We were destined for wrath which we deserved, as a just punishment for our sin nature rooted in disobedience. Much more is the abundant life in Jesus (John 10:10), the very purpose of His coming to the earth.

\* Justification equates with receiving forgiveness. Jesus brought forgiveness with

healing: the man let down through the roof ( Mark 2:5), the woman caught in the act (John 8:11), and the lame man at the pool (John 5:14).

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Better and more powerfully permanent is Jesus' blood than the shadow sacrifice of goats and sheep. We were made righteous by His death and saved, made whole, in all ways by His resurrected life. Much more compares children and enemies. If we as enemies were reconciled into God's fellowship by Jesus' death, how much more, are we as children made whole and complete by Jesus' life at the right hand of the Father and the Holy Spirit alive within us (Acts 1:8, 2:4).

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

All our “great” works will never eliminate our sin, earn our forgiveness, or clear our conscience. Dead works are any actions which are not of faith and motivated by love. (Romans 14:23) The blood of Jesus is the once and only price for all sin forever. Even our conscience should be clear before God and man. (Hebrews 10:10)

### **3. Much More Grace**

Romans 5:15 But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

By the one man, Jesus, redemption offers to all of us the gift of grace, so much better than the sin of Adam. The gift of grace is much more powerful, desirable, and valuable than the offense of Adam. The grace gift of God abounds to everyone. (Isaiah 53:11)

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

The Law made us aware of all the sin in our attitudes and actions. Grace is living a super, abounding, abundant life. (James 2:10, John 10:10) The law made us aware of a great sin, our sin nature not our wrong actions or thoughts. A “much more” greater grace abounded above that sin and is extended to all of us. (Ephesians 1:6-8)

\*David fell upon God's grace by confessing that his sin with Bathsheba was against God. David worshiped God after receiving His forgiveness and the consequences. (2Samuel 12:13, 20) In Psalm 51:1-4, David gives us an insight to his conversation with God during his week of prayer and fasting for the child. (2Samuel 12:16-18)

#### **4. Much More Reigning**

Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

We were born into sin by one man (Adam) but we were retrieved from the pit and lifted into heavenly palaces by grace (Ephesians 1:3). The kingdom of life is much more than the kingdom of death. (1 Corinthians 15:22) The kingdom of life from Jesus brings the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. We begin now to reign forever as kings and priests with power and authority in Jesus, not in our own. (Revelations 1:6, 5:10)

\* Stephen went into the eternal life as a king, for Jesus stood to honor and welcome him. (Acts 7:55-56)

#### **5. Much More Glorious**

2Corinthians 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

2Corinthians 3:11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

The Law from God given to Moses was glorious as it revealed God and His involvement with man. But the newer Law of Grace, brought by Jesus with its justification and righteousness is super glorious. (John 1:14) We are commanded to go and preach the good news of Jesus' finished work of the cross. Thus He receives glory and we are "changed from glory to glory." (2Corinthians 3:18) (James 1:23-25) (Colossians 3:4)

\* In Samaria, Jesus introduced the woman at the well to the new covenant of righteousness which is much more better than the condemning law and works. (John 4:15)

#### **6. Much More Faith**

1Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

The testing and proving of our faith response to God's grace is without price. We are given faith (Romans 1:23) to be used demonstrating His goodness and promises. We grow and are strengthened by proving our faith in God's word during difficult times. Our spiritual weapons are learned in training and are proven in combat.

\* Jesus commended the centurion's faith in Jesus' spoken word of healing. (Matthew

8:10)

## **7. Much More Authority**

1 Corinthians 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

If we judge angels with authority, what do problems in this temporary life mean to us? We have eternal, spiritual authority which will overcome the temporal conditions of the world in our lives. (2Corinthians 4:18) We reign and rule as kings and priests (Revelation 1:6, 5:10)

\* Peter discerned evil motivation and rendered judgment on Ananias and Sapphira for their lies. (Acts 5:9)

## **8. Much More Necessary**

1Corinthians 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

All parts of the human body and Christ's church body are valuable and needed by the total body. (1Corinthians 12:23, 26) All members of a body are connected and should rejoice and suffer together. (Ephesians 4:16)

\* Waiting on tables of widows may seem like a lowly task, however everything done in the Lord's service is noticed. Phillip was promoted from faithfulness. (Acts 6:5, 8:4) The Bible only relates the stories of two of these seven, but we know God is not a respecter of persons.

## **9. Much More Bold**

Philippians 1:14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Paul's example of not letting the hindrances and light afflictions should bring greater preaching of the Gospel by us. (2Corinthians 4:17) Be ready to give an account of the joy in our lives and hope in our future. (2Timothy 4:2)

\* The disciples were beaten and ordered not to preach Jesus in Jerusalem, but they declared they must obey God rather than man. (Acts 5:40-42)

## **10. Much More Persecution**

Matthew 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

If Jesus was called names and troubled, what should we as God's children expect to receive? We have many enemies in this natural world. Most people are motivated by our spiritual, defeated enemy. (Matthew 16:23, Luke 9:55-56) We are in good company and have a promise of reward. (Matthew 5:13)

\* Jesus' parable of the seed and ground showed the persecution is because of the word. We must have root to endure. (Mark 4:17)

## **11. Much More Faithful**

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Salvation is a private and individual faith action toward God's grace and promises. We should stand on His word and promises regardless of those (people, facts or circumstances) around us or absent from us.

\* Peter was timid before a servant girl as Jesus watched. In Jesus' absence, he was bold before the high Priest and rulers. (Acts 4:10)

## **12. Much More Greater**

Luke 7:26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

The greatest prophet is the one who introduces the Messiah (John 1:29, 36-37) rather those in past history who prophesied His coming. (Isaiah 53:5) Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest prophet ever, but the least of us in the kingdom is greater. (Luke 7:28) We reign in the kingdom of God in a greater position of authority and power than any man on earth.

\* John was great because he submitted to Jesus as the Messiah (Mark 1:7). We reach a greater level because we believe without seeing Jesus (John 20:29).