



Catacombs—Sicily

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Port in Rhodes

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Mars Hill

Parthenon—Athens

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Colosseum—Rome

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Mamertine Prison—Rome

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Corinth

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¹“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
²Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others.

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Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

—Matthew 6:1-4 ESV

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⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you... ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. —Matthew 6:6, 18 ESV

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¹²But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

—John 1:12-13 ESV

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“The great paradox of the Christian reward is this—the person who looks for reward, and who calculates that it is due him does not receive it; the person whose only motive is love, and who never thinks that he has deserved any reward, does, in fact, receive it.”

—William Barclay

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Matthew 6:3-4—Our Heavenly Father...
Honors Selfless Generosity
in His People

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Each one must give as he
has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves
a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:7 ^{ESV}

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Matthew 6:19-21—Our Heavenly Father...
Provides Lasting Security
For His People

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For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.
—Matthew 6:21 ^{ESV}

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Matthew 6:22-24—Our Heavenly Father...
Confronts Divided Loyalty
in His People

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No one can serve two masters,
for either he will hate the one
and love the other, or he will
be devoted to the one and
despise the other. You cannot
serve God and money.

—Matthew 6:24 ^{ESV}

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⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

—1 Timothy 6:9-10 ESV

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Matthew 6:25-34—Our Heavenly Father...

Removes Daily Anxiety
From His People

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“God’s providence is my peace.”

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But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. —Matthew 6:33 ESV

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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. —Matthew 5:6 ESV

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You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. —Isaiah 26:3 ESV

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Arch of Titus—Rome

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¹⁵“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever...

¹⁷We give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for You have taken Your great power and begun to reign.

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¹⁸The nations raged, but Your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding Your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear Your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

—Revelation 11:15b, 17-18 ^{ESV}

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