

## Matthew 23 – Three Choices

### Matthew 6:19-24

***Fallen Condition Focus (FCF):*** We are tempted to believe that life is found in our possessions instead of in Christ.

#### Point 1: Treasures of Heaven vs. Treasures of Earth

- The problem with treasures of earth – they aren't secure
  - Moth and Rust
  - Not just nature! Thieves will break in and steal
  - Ultimately, you can't take it with you
- The treasures of heaven
  - Treasures in heaven can't be taken away
  - But what are the treasures of heaven?
  - We lay up treasures in heaven by investing in God's causes and God's people
    - Supporting the work of the church/building up of kingdom
    - Supporting missions
    - Supporting mercy ministries, giving generously to others
  - Time, talent and treasures
    - Laying up treasures in heaven goes beyond our pocketbooks
    - Giving of ourselves for the same purposes
    - Even in our own regular lives

#### Point 2: Light versus Darkness

- The choice is more than earth versus heaven, temporal versus eternal
- It's through our eyes that light comes into us, physically, but also in a spiritual sense
- The secret of choosing the treasures of heaven

#### Point 3: Whom will you serve?

- Slaves can't belong to two masters at the same time
- Can't serve God and **mammon**
- The lie of Mammon is that if you have enough you will be happy and satisfied