

**"Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven."**

**(Proverbs 23:5)**

### **Make Themselves Wings**

The apostle Paul commented to the church in Ephesus:

"This grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Ephesians 3:8)

"The riches of Christ are not simply "riches of grace"--"riches of glory"--"riches of inheritance," but that treasury of spiritual blessing which is Christ's--so vast that the comprehension of its limits and the exhaustion of its contents are alike impossible. What the apostle wishes to characterize as grand in itself, or in its abundance, adaptation, and substantial permanence, he terms "riches." The riches of Christ are the true wealth of men and nations. And those riches are "unsearchable." Even the value of the portion already possessed cannot be told by any symbols of numeration, for such riches can have no adequate exponent or representative. Their source was in eternity, and in a love whose fervour and origin are above our ken, and whose duration shall be for ages of ages beyond compute." (preceptaustin.org)

Jesus Himself admonished us in Matthew chapter six:

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19-20)

As you may very well be aware, the world could be on the verge of the greatest economic crash in history, unless the Lord somehow intervenes to delay this event.

The prophet Jeremiah put 'trusting in riches' in a rather unusual way:

"As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, So is he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a fool." (Jeremiah 17:11)

There are many verses in the Bible about riches, trusting in riches, etc. but we will end here with Paul's instruction to Timothy concerning rich and wealthy people:

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." (1 Timothy 6:17)

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