

Be Encouraged

“Now Is The Day Of Salvation!”

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Reading: [Hebrews 3:12-15](#)

Text: [2 Corinthians 6](#)

Introduction:

1. I can't help but think, “This World is Not my Home!”
2. “NOW is the Day of Salvation!”
3. We “plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain!”
4. We commend ourselves as Ministers of God!

#1 Problems? What Problems? v. 4-10

- & [Philippians 4:11-13](#)—Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- & [Romans 8:18](#)—For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory, which shall be revealed in us.
- & [2 Corinthians 4:17-18](#)—For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things, which are not seen, are eternal.

#2 Where Is Your Treasure? v. 11-18

- & [Matthew 6:19-21](#)—“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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
1. If your focus is on the Lord, everything in your life is affected by it!
 - a. This specifically refers to whom you will marry: it must be a Christian!
 - b. Yet it includes, friends, associates, jobs you pick, decisions you make...
 2. If your focus is on the Lord, nothing else will matter that much!
 - a. If someone steals something from you, it's only possessions.
 - b. If you lose something, it's only a thing!
 - c. If someone deserts you, be sad for them, but not yourself!

#3 God is My Father! v. 16-18

A. God owns everything!

& [Psalm 50:10-12](#)—For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

B. God is more powerful than anyone!

& [Ephesians 6:10](#)—Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

C. I am His child!

& [1 John 3:1](#)—Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

Conclusion:

1. Why worry about anything?
2. Why have a care in this world?
3. “*O Lord, you know, I have no friend like you, my treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world any more!*”
4. They only thing we should care about is how many people we can get to go with us!
5. There's another song I like, “*Don't you wanna go to that land, where I'm bound?*”
6. If you do, and you have not obeyed the gospel, what are you waiting for? “Arise and be baptized washing away your sins calling on the name of the Lord!” [Acts 22:16](#)
7. If you do, and you need to renew your faith, let it be known now, while we sing!