



What The Bible Says:

Lesson 9

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About Forgotten Riches

Always pray before opening your Bible.

Find the text in your Bible and write the answer.

A number of years ago a wealthy Englishman grew sick and died. When the day came for the reading of his will and the distribution of the fortune that he had left, his favorite daughter was bitterly disappointed. The father had designated in the will that she was to receive "My Bible and all that it contains." Knowing that her father was an ardent student of the Bible and that this Book was near and dear to his heart, she hid it away in an old trunk and went on living as before.

As time passed, adversity seemed to dog her steps. Ill health and difficulty reduced her to poverty. Broken in health and spirit, in desperation she sought a solution to her problems. After trying every other means available to her, she turned to her father's Bible seeking the answer to her difficulties. Imagine her surprise as she leafed through that long-forgotten Book to find that between many of the pages of the Bible her father had secreted large Bank of England notes. She had been wealthy all of the time and had been unaware of her good fortune because she had failed to realize what her father had meant when he had given her "My Bible and all that it contains."

Our heavenly Father has left us a great treasure in the pages of this wonderful Book. We may not be able to find bank notes between the pages of the Bible, but we can find peace, joy, hope, faith, and eternal life by studying the Book. Priceless treasures. Forgotten riches! What greater treasure can a man hope for? Many a millionaire would exchange his fortune for these valuables.

At the end of forty days of fasting, when Christ was physically weak and hungry, the devil came to Him and tempted Him. Three temptations were brought to bear upon our Lord. He was tempted to change the stones into bread. He was tempted to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple. Finally, He was tempted to worship the devil, with the false promise that He could have the world without dying for it. In each temptation He was victorious. He met each temptation with a Bible text. Three times Christ resisted Satan's temptation with the statement, "It is written." *Matthew 4:4, 7, 10.* Jesus knew the Scriptures, and He used them to withstand the wiles of the tempter.

Our security from deception and for victory over sin will come from knowing the Bible.

Are you acquainted with what the Bible teaches? Do you spend some time each day reading God's love letter to His children? Do you know what God would have you do and believe in order that you might someday enter heaven? If you are dissatisfied with your knowledge of God and His Word, a study of these lessons will help you. Every lesson will be based upon the Bible. Why not set aside a little time each week to learn what the Bible teaches?

The two statements which follow express two great needs. Would you like to make them an expression of your own sincere desire? If you would, please place a check in the squares.

It is my desire to learn of God's plan for my life. ☐

I plan to spend some time each week studying God's Book. ☐

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