



Who Then Can Be Saved?

A message on **Matthew 6:24**

Spring Series: Following the Way or Falling Away?

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22 “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. **23** But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

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The Hebrew eye

Proverbs 23:6

ו אל-תִּלְחֶם--אֶת-לֶחֶם, רַע עֵינָי; וְאַל-תִּתְאָו, לְמִטְעַמְתָּיו. 6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainties;

*Do not eat the bread of a selfish person;
Or his delicacies;*

Proverbs 28:22

כב נִבְהָל לְהוֹן--אִישׁ, רַע עֵינָי; וְלֹא-יָדַע, כִּי-חָסֵר יִבְאֵנוּ. 22 He that hath an evil eye hasteneth after riches, and knoweth not that want shall come upon him.

*A person with an evil eye hurries after wealth
And does not know that poverty will come upon him.*

Proverbs 22:9

ט טוֹב-עֵינָי, הוּא יְבָרֵךְ: כִּי-נָתַן מִלֶּחֶמוֹ לְדָל. 9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

*One who is generous will be blessed,
Because he gives some of his food to the poor.*

Matthew 26:6-13

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the Leper, **7** a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very expensive perfume, and she poured it on His head as He was reclining *at the table*. **8** But the disciples were indignant when they saw *this*, and said, “Why this waste? **9** For this *perfume* could have been sold for a high price and *the money* given to the poor.” **10** But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you bothering the woman? For she has done a good deed for Me. **11** For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me. **12** For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. **13** Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Matthew 19:16-26

16 And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do so that I may obtain eternal life?” **17** And He said to him, “Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but if you want to enter life, keep the commandments.” **18** *Then* he *said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false testimony; **19** Honor your father and mother; and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **20** The young man *said to Him, “All these I have kept; what am I still lacking?” **21** Jesus said to him, “If you want to be complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” **22** But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

23 And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” **25** When the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” **26** And looking at *them*, Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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Matthew 6:33

33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.

Reflection Questions

1. What opportunity from God have you been putting off?
2. What do you need to release?
3. What will you do next to stay on track?