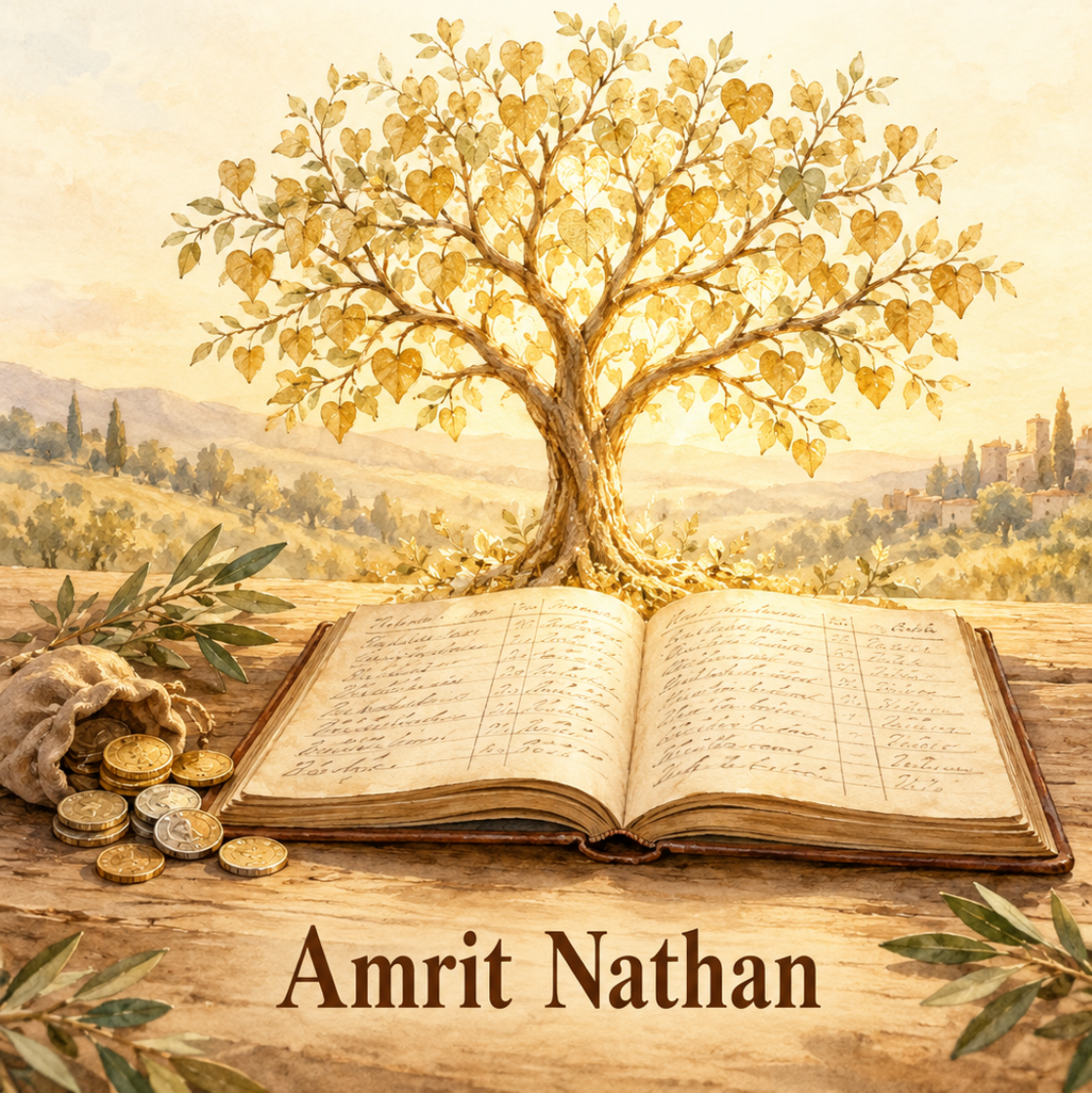
BANK OF HEAVEN

What are we storing for the life beyond?



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Where Is Your Treasure?

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Matthew 6:20 • NKJV

We take care of our earthly accounts. We watch what comes in, what goes out, and what remains. Yet Yahshua asks us to consider another kind of treasure.

In Matthew 6:19–21, He directs our attention from possessions that can be lost to treasure that endures. Money has its use, but it cannot secure everything that matters.

Think of this as your account in the Bank of Heaven. What are you storing there through the way you live?

A kindness shown, a grievance released, a gift given quietly: these may seem small in the eyes of the world. Yet they express a heart learning to value what God values.

Our treasure reveals where our heart has settled.



The Debt We Could Never Repay

Yahshua told of a servant who owed his master ten thousand talents. It was an enormous debt, far beyond his ability to repay. With no means of settling it, the servant faced the loss of his freedom and everything he had.

He fell before his master and pleaded for patience, promising to pay it all. But the master did more than give him extra time. Moved with compassion, he released the servant and cancelled the whole debt.

The servant walked away free because his master had shown him mercy.

The debt that had seemed impossible to settle was now cancelled. His plea for patience had been answered with a complete release. Such was the compassion of his master.

"Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt."

Matthew 18:27 • NKJV



He asked for more time. His master gave him freedom.

Read Matthew 18:21–35

The Small Debt He Would Not Forgive

The servant then found a fellow servant who owed him a hundred denarii. Compared with the debt his master had cancelled, this was a small sum. Yet he seized the man by the throat and demanded payment.

His fellow servant fell at his feet and pleaded for patience. The words were much like his own plea before the master. But he refused and had the man thrown into prison until the debt was paid.

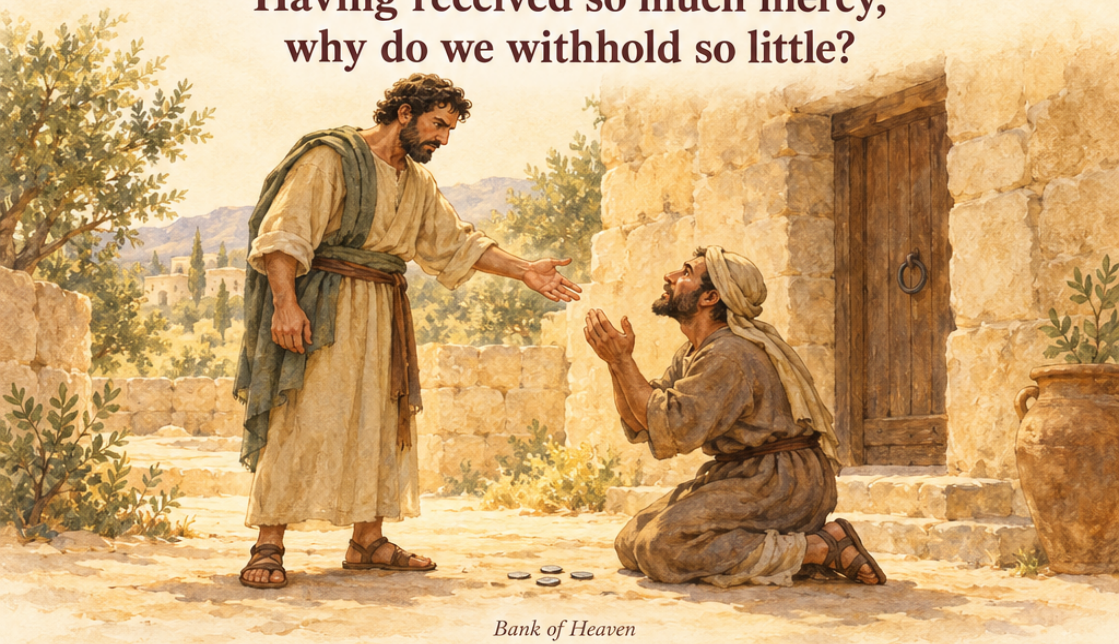
When the master heard what had happened, he called the servant back. The mercy he had received should have moved him to show compassion. Instead, he had demanded the last coin from another man. The master withdrew his pardon and handed him over for punishment.

"Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?"

Matthew 18:33 • NKJV

We too may keep an account of what others owe us: an apology, repayment, recognition, or an answer for an old hurt. As we count their debts, do we remember the mercy shown to us?

Having received so much mercy, why do we withhold so little?



Making Daily Deposits

"Forgive, and you will be forgiven."
Luke 6:37 • NKJV

"Give, and it will be given to you"
Luke 6:38 • NKJV

Yahshua places forgiveness and giving side by side. He also tells us that the measure we use will be measured back to us. Mercy and generosity belong in our daily dealings with others.

Think of these choices as deposits in your heavenly account. Forgive a hurt instead of nursing it. Help someone without demanding a return. Speak gently when anger urges you to wound. Rejoice when another person prospers.

Paul names anger, jealousy, envy *and other* works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19–21. In verses 22–23, he describes the fruit of the Spirit. As we leave harmful habits behind, love, patience, kindness and self-control should grow in their place.

Examine what holds your heart. What commands our loyalty when it conflicts with obedience to God? Whatever it is, we must loosen its hold and turn our attention back to Him.

Make room each day for forgiveness, kindness and generosity.



The Soul and Its Earth Suit

We care for the body because it is the home through which we experience this earthly life. Yet the question remains: does the life of the soul end when this body dies?

The soul continues through successive earthly lives. This is reincarnation. The body serves as an earth suit, worn for a time and eventually laid aside, while the soul continues its journey.

As we change our clothes, the soul takes on another earth suit. The change of body belongs to a much longer journey than the years we count within a single lifetime.

Peter reminds us that, with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. This invites us to look beyond the short span by which we ordinarily measure life.

Seen in this light, the Bank of Heaven concerns what the soul carries onward. The earthly account belongs to the present life. The mercy we practise, the kindness we cultivate, and the grievances we release have a significance that reaches beyond it.

Read 2 Peter 3:8–9

The earth suit changes. The soul's journey continues.



What Carries Forward?

When the soul lays aside its earth suit, the possessions gathered during that life remain behind. But the consequences of how we have lived belong to a longer journey.

An act of kindness may take only a moment. Yet it can relieve another person's burden, restore hope, and strengthen the habit of compassion within us. Forgiveness releases a grievance that might otherwise continue to trouble the soul.

Anger, envy and revenge also leave their mark. Each time we feed them, we give them a stronger hold. A change of earth suit does not, by itself, settle what remains unresolved within the soul.

This is why our small daily choices matter. Their consequences reach beyond the occasion that produced them. What seems brief in the flesh can carry a lasting weight in the life of the soul.

In the language of our heavenly account, mercy and kindness are deposits. Cruelty and resentment add to the burden we carry. Let us attend to that account while the opportunity is before us.

What we cultivate today, the soul carries onward.



Attend to Your Account Today

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21 • NKJV

We began with two accounts: the treasure we gather on earth and the treasure we lay up in heaven. One demands much of our attention. The other is shaped by choices we make every day.

The servant's story brings the matter close to home. He received mercy beyond measure, yet refused a small kindness to another. Let us remember how much we have been forgiven when we are tempted to demand the last payment from someone else.

Think of the person whose name still stirs anger within you. There may be a debt you cannot recover, an apology you may never hear, or an old hurt you keep revisiting. Begin there. Ask God for the strength to forgive and relinquish revenge.

Then make another deposit. Help someone quietly. Speak with patience. Give without keeping a record of what should come back. Let mercy become a daily practice.

The soul's journey reaches beyond this earth suit. What we cultivate now matters beyond the years of this present life. Attend to your heavenly account while today's opportunities are still before you.

Lay up your treasure where you want your heart to be.

