

BUILDING SPIRITUAL TREASURE

(Lk.2:19) “But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.”

Part of Mary’s treasure was the Shepherds excitement about the treasure building in their hearts.

(Lk.2:18) “And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the Shepherds.”

The Greek word for “but” is the adversative conjunction of contrast (de). This is teaching that Mary is building her spiritual treasure (suntereo / impf.a.ind.3ps).

What Mary was treasuring up is described as “all (pas) these (tauta) things (ta rhema / apln).” The Greek word (**rhema**) refers to categorical bible doctrine.

It says Mary “**was pondering** (sumballo / p.a.ptc.nsf) putting pieces of a puzzle together or putting categorical bible doctrines together) **them in** (en+loc. of place) **her heart** (te kardia / lsf).” She was cycling doctrine upon doctrine on the category of the birth of the Christ child into her heart by faith (faith cycle).

The idea of treasuring CBD in the heart is used twice with Mary (Lk.2:19 and 51).

- Mary at Nazareth Lk.1:26-38
- Mary with Elizabeth Lk.1:39-50
- Mary with the temple Shepherds Lk.2:8-20
- Mary in temple with Simeon and Anna Lk.2:21-40
- Mary with Jesus at age of 12 Lk.2:41-52

Today’s lesson will study three aspects BUILDING SPIRITUAL TREASURES.

1. As a spiritual mature believer, Mary was building her spiritual treasure chest with CBD.

This spiritual treasure chest will be beneficial to her in time and eternity.

God’s decree leads to doctrines building upon doctrines:

- The Directive Will of God is revealed
- Our personal Will surrenders to it
- Spiritual Treasured is built up in our heart (Ps.148:6) (Lk.22:22; Gal.4:4; Rom.5:6) (Ps.119:112).

(Rom.11:33-34) “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?” (Isa.40:13; 1 Cor.2:16).

2. Notice the essential connection between the believer’s treasure and his heart – “But Mary treasured these things, pondering them in her heart.” (Lk.2:19)

Jesus taught that everyone builds treasures of the heart. But there can be great danger to the heart if the treasure is not spiritual or heavenly (Matt.1:18-25).

(Matt.6:19-21) “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for your selves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; **for where the treasure is, there your heart will be also.**” [mind and material treasures].

Worldly treasures are temporal and subject to loss while spiritual treasures are eternal and not subject to loss.

Let me give you two more examples of this principle.

- An example of the worldly treasure of the earth is Judas Iscariot (Matt.26:14-16; 27:3-5).
- An example of the spiritual treasure of heaven was Moses (Heb.11:24-26).

3. How could the spiritual treasure of heaven benefit Mary's heart in life?

What treasure was Mary pondering and cycling in her heart as the treasure of faith that would benefit her in life?

Mary at Nazareth

(Lk.1:31) "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus."

Joseph at Nazareth.

(Matt.2:21) "She shall bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Mary with Elizabeth

(Lk.1:42-43) "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me?"

Mary with shepherds

(Lk.2:11) "For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Mary in temple with Simeon

(Lk.2:26) "And it has been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ."

(Lk.2:35) "And a sword will pierce even your own soul – to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Mary in temple with Anna

(Lk.2:38) "At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem."

Mary with Jesus at age of 12

(Lk.2:49) "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

"And His mother treasured all these things in her heart." (Lk.2:51b)

• Mary with Jesus at the cross

(John 19:25-27) "But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciples whom He loved standing nearby, he said to His mother, **'Woman, behold your Son!'** Then He said to the disciple, **"Behold, your mother!"**