

# 23-0625p - Detailed Summary

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**Bible Reader:** Roger Raines

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## On Things Above

Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 25:20)

## Scripture Reading

**Bible Reader: (0:03 - 0:40), Roger Raines**

**Matthew 6:19-20,**

- The speaker begins by greeting the audience and addressing the judge or a person named Walter, setting the tone for a religious discourse.
- The speaker reads from the Bible, specifically Matthew chapter 6, verses 19 and 20, discussing the concept of not storing up treasures on earth where they can be corrupted or stolen but rather in heaven where they are secure.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Mike Mathis

### (0:45 - 1:22) Welcome and Context

The speaker begins with a greeting to the church and welcoming those participating via phone, expressing pleasure in delivering the message following the morning's lesson, and introduces the theme of focusing on heavenly rather than earthly matters.

### (1:22 - 5:27) Theological Discussion

- **Colossians 3:1-3 (1:22 - 2:24):** The speaker delves into the idea of being raised with Christ, explaining how this occurs through baptism as described in Romans 6:3-4 and Colossians 2:12. The act of baptism is likened to being buried and then raised with Christ, signifying a spiritual rebirth through faith.
- **Further on Baptism (4:06 - 5:27):** The speaker elaborates on the significance of faith in baptism, connecting it to Jesus' promise of salvation for those who believe and are baptized.

## **(5:28 - 7:14) Treasures in Heaven vs. Earth**

The discussion shifts to interpreting Matthew 6:19-21, where the speaker explains that while saving money isn't forbidden, hoarding wealth without purpose is criticized. This is compared to the parable of the talents, suggesting that one should use their resources actively rather than letting them remain idle.

## **(7:21 - 11:06) Misinterpretations and Clarifications**

- **On Wealth and Salvation (7:21 - 9:18):** The speaker addresses misconceptions about storing treasures, using the example of the rich young ruler to illustrate that true treasure involves spiritual actions like helping the poor, not just accumulating converts.
- **Seeking the Kingdom of God (10:10 - 11:06):** The importance of prioritizing spiritual over material pursuits is emphasized, referencing Matthew 6:33 about seeking God's kingdom first.

## **(11:08 - 13:42) Heavenly Abode**

The speaker quotes John 14:1-4 to discuss Jesus preparing a place in heaven for believers, linking this to the idea of setting one's mind on heavenly things as Christ sits at God's right hand.

## **(13:43 - 15:50) Life in Christ**

The concept of dying to sin through baptism and living anew with Christ is explored, using Romans 6 to discuss freedom from sin and the need to focus on heavenly rather than earthly desires.

## **(15:51 - 24:17) Putting Off and Putting On**

- **Sinful Behaviors to Avoid (15:51 - 17:58):** The speaker lists behaviors like fornication, uncleanness, and evil desires, which Christians should abandon, warning about the wrath that comes from such disobedience.
- **Positive Attributes to Embrace (19:11 - 24:17):** Conversely, qualities like kindness, humility, and love are highlighted from Colossians 3:9-14 as attributes believers should adopt, fostering peace and unity in the body of Christ. The speaker concludes by emphasizing the ultimate goal of appearing with Christ in glory, urging the audience to focus on these spiritual aspects.

## **(24:18 - 24:34) Conclusion and Encouragement**

The speaker concludes by invoking divine assistance for the congregation to perform the necessary actions in life, emphasizing living in accordance with spiritual teachings.

## **(24:35 - 24:52) Eternal Perspective**

The speaker reiterates the ultimate goal of achieving heaven and receiving the crown of righteousness, reminding the audience that this is the purpose for which Christ came, to provide eternal life with God.

## **(24:54 - 25:20) Call to Faithfulness**

The message ends with an encouragement for all to remain faithful to Christ, urging them to keep their minds on heavenly matters. The speaker then invites the congregation to stand and sing, signaling the end of the sermon.