

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 29, 1987**

**The Path to Riches
Matthew 19:23-29
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Introduction: Those who trust in riches will not enter the Kingdom of God.

Verse 23: “It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Proverbs 30:8-9: to be rich or to be poor is not the best position to be in.

Do not transfer to your children the importance of being rich, that money can take care of or buy all that is really important.

How hard is it for a rich man to enter heaven? How hard is it for a camel to go through the eye of a needle?

Christ is literally talking about a sewing needle. So He is saying it is impossible.

Verse 25: The disciples ask, “Then who can be saved?”

Verse 26: Jesus answers, “With men this is impossible, with God all things are possible.” Jesus is talking about who men trust in whether God or self and riches.

Those who trust in Christ rather than riches will be rewarded now and forever.

Peter asks, “Then what will there be for us?”

Jesus tells them of the millennial kingdom of ruling and of now being compensated many times over for what they have lost, they have lost mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, houses, lands. Now they are part of the family of God and all the riches God has created.

Psalm 23: David tells of the blessing the beauty and wonder of trusting Christ.