

# Anchor

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And Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of God." And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" "With men it is impossible but not with God; for all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:23-27)

"How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of God." This passage is a familiar one to most Christians, but familiarity does not preclude further discussion. In fact our familiarity with scripture sometimes causes us to overlook points that our Lord would have us remember.

In the sentence I have quoted above, The Greek word used for 'riches' is 'chremata'. This word often means 'possessions, property, or wealth' or in it's simple sense 'things'. I have no quarrel with the accuracy of the translation, but I think that when we consider the age in which we live, it might also be appropriate to translate 'chremata' as 'things', rather than riches, for we are, as no other generation has ever been, a generation obsessed with 'things'.

After all what household is complete without a refrigerator, deep-freeze, washer, dryer, dishwasher, radio, colour television, stereo, microwave, snowmobile, snow blower, boat, car, truck, chain-saw, sewing machine, lawn mower, kitchen center and

vacuum cleaner. In 1985, we must now add VCR and home computer to our list. Our forebearers had none of these things yet we would not consider living without them. When you look at the passage in these terms it is obvious that there are very few of us who do not have 'chremata'.

The danger of material possessions is that we become attached to them and they tend to draw us away from God. Little by little our desire to own more things increases until we reach a point where our whole existence could be defined as a continuous state of working for our next possession. We lay up treasures for ourselves on earth and neglect the heavenly treasure. What is more, this danger need not be limited to material possessions. It applies to anything which tends to draw us away from God. Be that a hockey game or a social event, no matter what it is, if it takes precedence over our relationship with our Saviour, if we put this 'thing' before God, then we are in danger because, as Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Mathew 6:21) If it is more important for us to spend time with our snowmobiles or social

clubs than it is to spend time with God, then that is our treasure and the treasures of heaven are not for us.

How can we avoid these dangers? "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." (Matthew 6:33) "But it is hard to enter the Kingdom of God," you reply. "With men it is impossible, but not with God. All things are possible with God."

Do not reply on yourself. Do not trust in your own works. Do not try to find meaning in your life in your possessions. Look to God and trust in Him. In God alone you will find true happiness.

In this passage Jesus has shown us the whole doctrine of salvation in a nutshell. If our salvation depended on our own efforts it would be impossible, because we can never be good enough to attain it. No man is perfect, but salvation is the gift of God and all things are possible for Him. If we trust in our own works or in our own possessions we will never be saved, but if we trust in God's mercy, if we believe that Jesus Christ is our Saviour, then we shall be saved. "For by grace are we saved through faith; and this is not our own doing, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8) This is the foundation of the Christian Faith.

## Direct flights

Mr. J.W. Spooner, Chairman of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission announced today that effective June 10th, 1985, Ontario Northland's Air Services Division, Norontair, will offer direct flights between Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder

Bay utilizing its Dash-8 aircraft.

There is no evening connection now, he stated, and NorOntair's new week-day flights will fill that void.

Mr. Spooner added that this additional flight is a natural extension of NorOntair's existing Dash-8 service between Kapuskasing, Timmins, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie and is consistent with the Air Arm's purpose to serve Northern Ontario where required and practicable.

Times for this new service are as follows: (Mondays to Fridays inclusive): Depart - Sault Ste. Marie - 8:00 p.m.; Arrive - Thunder Bay - 9:15 p.m.; Depart - Thunder Bay - 9:30 p.m.; Arrive - Sault Ste. Marie - 10:40 p.m.



## Girl Guide rally

**M. Saranpaa**  
Casa Loma, Toronto was the scene of a huge garden party May 25 as 12,000 Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers went back in history to reenact a Girl Guide Rally and Garden Fete that was held in 1915.

Lady Pellatt, who in 1912 became the First Dominion Commissioner of Canada, entertained the Girl Guides many times at her home in Casa Loma.

Dressed in 1915 uniform, a march-post and drill was performed before the reviewing stand for special guests, the Honourable Betty Clay, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and her husband Gervais Clay of England, as well as "Sir Henry and Lady Pellatt." (performed by actors)

The Regimental Band of the Queen's own Rifles of Canada, Sir Henry's Regiment, performed during the day on the upper terrace, while on the lower terrace, exhibitions of First Aid, signalling, dancing and singing took place.

Tea, lemonade, and petit fours were enjoyed on the lawn of neighbouring, Spadina House. Attending were the Terrace Bay Pathfinders - Sandy McBride, Pam Metcalf, Michele Waldenberger, Jennifer Gould, Lisa Merkley, and Guiders - Pam Jones and Marilyn

Saranpaa. Representing Superior Divisions were: Maureen McDonald acting Commissioner, Heather Saranpaa, Guider-in-charge, Helen Jones, Ranger, Eva Lanigan, Nipigon Pathfinder, Michelle Butterworth, Longlac Guider, Lindsay Davis, Brownie.

Eaton's Centre, an evening City Hall, and a day at tour of the CN Tower, and Canada's Wonderland.

## Thank You

To my family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for the flowers, gifts, and get-well cards, sent to me during my stay in hospital. It was very thoughtful of you all.

**Clarice Lawrence**

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