

DU ER RIG HOS GUD

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Lukas 12,13-21

13 En i skaren sagde til Jesus: »Mester, sig til min bror, at han skal skifte arven med mig.« 14 Men han svarede: »Menneske, hvem har sat mig til at dømme eller skifte mellem jer?« 15 Og han sagde til dem: »Se jer for og vær på vagt over for al griskhed, for et menneskes liv afhænger ikke af, hvad det ejer, selv om det har overflod.« 16 Og han fortalte dem en lignelse: »Der var en rig mand, hvis mark havde givet godt. 17 Han tænkte ved sig selv: Hvad skal jeg gøre? For jeg har ikke plads til min høst. 18 Så sagde han: Sådan vil jeg gøre: Jeg river mine lader ned og bygger nogle, som er større, og dér vil jeg samle alt mit korn og alt mit gods. 19 Og jeg vil sige til mig selv: Så, min ven, du har meget gods liggende, nok til mange år. Slå dig til ro, spis, drik og vær glad! 20 Men Gud sagde til ham: Din tåbe, i nat kræves dit liv af dig. Hvem skal så have alt det, du har samlet? 21 Sådan går det den, der samler sig skatte, men ikke er rig hos Gud.«

Nåde være med jer fra Gud, vores Far, og fra Jesus Kristus, vores Frelser. Amen.

Hænger din økonomi sammen med Jesus? I dagens evangelium bliver Jesus spurgt om, om han kan dele arven imellem to brødre. Selv i dag kan kampen om arven fra ens forældre ødelægge søskendeforhold. Ja, bare det at tale om ens privatøkonomi er et meget sårbart emne for os.

Derfor kan det måske undre os, at Jesus ikke ønsker at gå ind i denne sag. Men han siger noget nyt til os i dag, men også dengang, nemlig: **»Se jer for og vær på vagt over for al griskhed, for et menneskes liv afhænger ikke af, hvad det ejer, selv om det har overflod.«** (Luke 12:15)

Her bliver det lidt ubehageligt, fordi Jesus trykker dér, hvor det er ømt. Der går ikke lang tid, før du tænker på det, han sagde til en ung mand ved en anden lejlighed: **»Én ting mangler du endnu: Sælg alt, hvad du har, og del det ud til de fattige, så vil du have en skat i himlene. Og kom så og følg mig!«** (Luke 18:22)

Måske sidder du dér og tænker, at det alligevel ikke omhandler dig. Men det gør det jo! Det fremgår af dagens andre læsninger, som vi har hørt. De omtaler også økonomi og penge.

Prædikerens Bog siger det på denne måde: **»Den, der elsker penge, bliver ikke mæt af penge, den, der elsker rigdom, får intet udbytte af den. Også det er tomhed!«** (...) **»Nøgen kom han ud af moders liv, nøgen går han bort, som han kom, og han får intet ud**

YOU ARE RICH WITH GOD

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Luke 12,13-21

13 One of the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But he answered, "Man, who has appointed me to judge or to divide between you?" 15 And he said unto them, Beware and beware of all covetousness, for the life of a man does not depend upon his possessions, though he hath an abundance. 16 And he told them a parable: "There was a rich man whose field had yielded well. 17 He said to himself, What shall I do? For I have no room for my harvest. 18 Then he said, This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build some that are greater, and there I will gather all my grain and all my goods. 19 And I will say to myself, So, my friend, you have much goods lying around, enough for many years. Settle down, eat, drink, and be merry! 20 But God said to him, "You fool, tonight your life is required of you. Who, then, shall have all that thou hast gathered? 21 So it is with him that layeth up treasures, but is not rich with God."

Grace be with you from God, our Father, and from Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Are your finances connected to Jesus? In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked if he can divide the inheritance between two brothers. Even today, the battle over the inheritance from one's parents can destroy sibling relationships. Yes, just talking about one's personal finances is a very vulnerable topic for us.

Therefore, it may surprise us that Jesus does not want to intervene in this matter. But He says something new to us today, but also then, namely, **"Beware and beware of all covetousness, for a man's life does not depend upon what he possesses, though he has an abundance."** (Luke 12:15)

Here it gets a little uncomfortable because Jesus presses where it is sore. It is not long before you think of what he said to a young man on another occasion: **"One thing you still lack: sell all that you have, and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. And then come, follow me."** (Luke 18:22)

Maybe you're sitting there thinking that it's not about you after all. But it does! This is evident from today's other readings that we have heard. They also talk about finances and money.

The book of Ecclesiastes puts it this way: **"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, he who loves wealth will gain no benefit from it. That too is emptiness!"** (...) **"Naked he came out of his mother's womb, naked he goes away as he came, and he gets**

af sit slid, som han kan tage med sig.« (Ecclesiastes 5:9,14)

Dette tema tager Paulus også op, som vi hørte: **»For kærlighed til penge er en rod til alt ondt; drevet af den er nogle blevet ført bort fra troen og har voldt sig selv mange smerter.**« (1 Timothy 6:10)

Så kan man få det indtryk, at en rigtig kristen sælger alt, hvad han ejer. En rigtig kristen er en, som ikke ejer noget. En rigtig kristen er fattig.

MEN DET SIGER JESUS IKKE I DAG.

Jesus svarer med en lignelse, et billede, en historie. Den starter med en rig mand, som havde en mark, der gav i overflod. Måske kan du ikke forestille dig at eje en mark. Det er lidt for virkelighedsfjernt. Men du kender den samme situation. Du kender det, at du har fået udbetalt en bonus fra dit arbejde, det vil sige nogle penge, som du ikke regnede med. Det kan være feriepenge. Det kan være en forsikringsudbetaling. Det kan være overskydende skat, du skal have tilbage.

Hvad gør du i den situation? Hvad gør du? Det kan endda være, at du diskuterer med dig selv. Burde jeg investere dem? Burde jeg bruge dem på nogle nye sko? Burde jeg bare sætte dem ind i banken?

Det er fine overvejelser i sig selv. På samme måde var det, den rige mand overvejede. Han stod et sted i sit liv, hvor han ikke lige havde noget sted, hvor han kunne samle det hele. Derfor besluttede han sig for at rive sine lader ned og bygge nogle, som var større.

Han ville bygge dem større. Det var ikke bare større, så den nye høst skulle kunne komme ind, men også hans gods. Ikke bare ting, men mange af hans smukke ting, hans dejlige ting, de gode ting, han havde, ville han gerne samle ét sted. Når det så var gjort, så kunne han endelig sige til sin sjæl: **»Sjæl, slap af. Spis, drik og vær glad.**«

ER DET OS? ER DET DIG? ER DET MIG?

Hvad sagde du til dig selv, da du fik bonussen? Hvad sagde du til dig selv, da du fik overskydende penge tilbage i skat? Hvad sagde du til dig selv, da du fik forsikringsudbetalingen? Takkede du Gud for den velsignelse, han lige havde skænket dig? Eller kom du også til at sige til dig selv: **»Slap af, spis, drik og vær glad.**«

Men Gud greb ind i denne rige mands liv. På sådan en måde, som vi ikke er glade for at tale om. Den virkelighed, vi lever under, nemlig at Gud kræver os til ansvar! Og dermed kommer Alvoren: Kommer Gud til at kalde os tåber? Kommer Gud til at vise os, at vi er fuldstændig ved siden af? Kommer disse ord til at lyde over os: **»Sådan går det den, som samler sig skatte for sig selv, men ikke er rig hos Gud.**« (Luke 12:21)

Det er jo alvorlige ord. Det er ord, som vi må dvæle ved. Men alligevel: Hvordan havnede vi her? Hvordan havner den rige mand dér? Det er, fordi den rige mand ikke

nothing out of his toil that he can take with him." (Ecclesiastes 5:9,14)

Paul also takes up this theme, as we heard: **"For the love of money is the root of all evil; driven by it some have been led away from the faith, and have caused themselves much pain."** (1 Timothy 6:10)

Then one can get the impression that a real Christian sells everything he owns. A true Christian is one who owns nothing. A real Christian is poor.

BUT JESUS DOES NOT SAY THAT TODAY.

Jesus responds with a parable, a picture, a story. It starts with a rich man who had a field that yielded in abundance. Maybe you can't imagine owning a field. It's a bit too far from reality. But you know the same situation. You know that you have been paid a bonus from your work, that is, some money that you did not expect. It can be holiday pay. It can be an insurance payment. It may be excess tax that you need to get back.

What do you do in that situation? What do you do? You may even be arguing with yourself. Should I invest them? Should I spend them on some new shoes? Should I just put them in the bank?

These are fine considerations in themselves. The same was what the rich man considered. He was at a point in his life where he didn't have a place where he could put it all together. Therefore, he decided to tear down his barns and build ones that were bigger.

He wanted to build them bigger. It was not only bigger, so the new harvest could come in, but also his estate. Not just things, but many of his beautiful things, his lovely things, the good things he had, he wanted to gather in one place. Then, when that was done, he could finally say to his soul, **"Soul, relax, eat, drink, and be merry."**

IS IT US? IS THAT YOU? IS IT ME?

What did you say to yourself when you got the bonus? What did you say to yourself when you got excess money back in taxes? What did you say to yourself when you received the insurance payout? Did you thank God for the blessing He had just bestowed upon you? Or did you also come to say to yourself, **"Relax, eat, drink, and be merry."**

But God intervened in this rich man's life. In a way that we are not happy to talk about. The reality we live under, namely that God requires us to be responsible! And with that comes the seriousness: Will God call us fools? Will God show us that we are completely off the mark? Will these words be heard upon us: **"So it is with him that layeth up treasures for himself, but is not rich with God."** (Luke 12:21)

Those are serious words. These are words that we must dwell on. But still: How did we end up here? How does the rich man end up there? That's because the rich man

havde andre. Han havde kun sig selv. Han havde ikke Herren.

De ord, som han sagde: »**Slap af, spis, drik og vær glad**«, har han faktisk også fra Bibelen. Det står nemlig dér. Det står i Prædikerens Bog, som vi også lige har læst.

»**Det er, hvad jeg har set: Det er godt og rigtigt at spise og drikke og nyde frugten af alt det, et menneske slider med under solen i det korte liv, Gud har givet ham.**« (Ecclesiastes 5:17)

Disse ord fangede den rige mand ikke. Han fangede ikke, at Gud havde givet ham alt. Gud giver os alt, nemlig at kunne spise og drikke sammen, ikke for sig selv, alene. Han misbruger de bibelske ord fra Prædikerens Bog.

»**Spis, drik og vær glad**« er i Bibelen fællesskabsord. Gud skabte ikke dig til at spise alene, drikke alene eller til at være glad alene! Det er nemlig et gennemgående tema i Bibelen.

Hør på ordene: Vær glad.

Det bliver også hos Lukas sagt om den rige far og hans fortabte søn: **Men nu burde vi feste og være glade, for din bror her var død, men er blevet levende igen, han var fortabt, men er blevet fundet.**« (Luke 15:24, 32)

Fest i Bibelen er måltid. Det er det fællesskab, vi har med hinanden, når vi deler brødet. Det er et fællesskab, som vi også skal have i al evighed, men som denne rige mand ikke har. Han har kun sig selv.

Jesus udfordrer os, fordi din havesyge ikke er okay. Problemet i sig selv er ikke at have penge. Nej, problemet er, at vi fordrejer Guds gode skaberværk. Vi kommer også til at tro, at vi lever længere. Statistikken siger, at et menneske lever i gennemsnit 80 år. Og alligevel ved vi ikke, om denne dag er den sidste dag, vi går her på jorden.

Vi handler ud fra, at vi lever længe. Nu taler jeg jo til alle. I unge, og mig selv inkluderet, regner jo med, at vi får et langt liv. I gamle har fået et langt liv, men I ved jo ikke, om det er fem år mere, ti år mere eller endnu en dag. Og så er der jer, der har sygdomme, kræft og andet, som I jo ikke burde have.

I vores griskhed ser vi ikke Gud, og vi handler ugudeligt. Vi handler som afgudsdyrkere.

HVAD ER LØSNINGEN SÅ?

Men er pointen så, at vi skal sælge alt, hvad vi ejer? Nej, det er ikke det, Jesus siger her. Du er ikke alene. Du er ikke herre i eget hus. Du ved ikke, hvor lang tid du skal leve. Og så spørger du nok dig selv:

Okay, men hvad vil det så sige at være rig hos Gud?

At være rig hos Gud svarer Jesus heldigvis på, fordi han siger efter vores tekst: »**Derfor vendte han sig til sine**

didn't have anyone else. He only had himself. He did not have the Lord.

The words he said: "**Relax, eat, drink and be merry**" he actually also have from the Bible. It says that. It is in the book of Ecclesiastes, which we have also just read.

"**This is what I have seen: it is good and right to eat and drink and to enjoy the fruit of all that a man toils under the sun in the short life God has given him.**" (Ecclesiastes 5:17)

These words did not catch the rich man. He did not catch that God had given him everything. God gives us everything, namely to be able to eat and drink together, not by himself, alone. He misuses the biblical words from the book of Ecclesiastes.

"**Eat, drink and be merry**" is a community word in the Bible. God didn't create you to eat alone, drink alone, or to be happy alone! This is a recurring theme in the Bible.

Listen to the words: Be happy.

Luke also says of the rich father and his prodigal son: **But now we ought to rejoice and be merry, for your brother here was dead, but has come to life again, he was lost, but has been found.**" (Luke 15:24, 32)

Feast in the Bible is a meal. It is the fellowship we have with each other when we share the bread. It is a community that we will also have for all eternity, but which this rich man does not have. He only has himself.

Jesus challenges us because your covetousness is not okay. The problem in itself is not having money. No, the problem is that we are distorting God's good creation. We also come to believe that we are living longer. Statistics say that a person lives an average of 80 years. And yet we do not know if this day is the last day we walk here on earth.

We act on the basis that we live a long time. Now I'm talking to everyone. You young people, including myself, expect that we will have a long life. You old people have had a long life, but you do not know whether it is five more years, ten more years, or another day. And then there are those of you who have diseases, cancer and other things that you shouldn't have.

In our greed, we do not see God, and we act wickedly. We act like idolaters.

SO WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

But is the point then that we should sell everything we own? No, that is not what Jesus is saying here. You're not alone. You are not the master of your own house. You don't know how long you're going to live. And then you probably ask yourself:

Okay, but what does it mean to be rich with God?

Fortunately, Jesus answers being rich with God because He says from our text, "**Wherefore, he turned unto his**

disciple og sagde: Vær derfor ikke bekymret for noget i jeres liv.» (Luk 12:22)

Og han kommer med eksemplerne. Se på fuglene. De samler ikke i lader, men jeres Fader ved, at I trænger til alt dette.

Her er det vigtigt: jeres Fader ved det. (Luk 12:24,30)

Hvem er han?

Han er den, som sendte sin egen søn, for at du og jeg kunne få barnekår, det vil sige blive børn af ham. Fordi han ønsker at skænke os alt godt.

Og det ved vi fra Bibelen. **Alt godt kommer fra ham, fra lysets Fader.** (James 1:17) Sådan som vi synger i sangen:

»Alle gode gaver kommer ovenned.
Så tak da Gud, så pris dog Gud
for al hans herlighed.«

Men hvad vil det sige at være rig hos Gud?

At være rig hos Gud vil sige, at Jesus siger til dig:

»Du skal ikke være bekymret for noget.«

Det vil sige, at du ikke skal være bekymret for, hvordan du får mad. Du skal ikke være bekymret for, hvordan du får tøj på kroppen. Du skal ikke være bekymret for hverdagens små, trivielle ting.

Hvorfor ikke det?

Fordi Jesus siger til dig, at du skal søge hans rige og hans retfærdighed, og så skal alt det andet blive givet dig i tilgift. (Matt 6:33)

Årsagen til, at alle de rigdomme, som du har lige nu skyldes ikke, at du har arbejdet hårdt. Det skyldes alene, at Jesus blev krævet til ansvar for dig på korset, så du kunne få barnekår hos Gud, så Jesus giver dig alt det, han har.

Husk på, hvordan Jesus var rig, men blev fattig. (2 Corinthians 8:9) Husk på, hvordan han ejede alt i hele verden, men tog tjenerskikkelse på og blev menneske og er menneske. (Philippians 2:6-8) Alt dette gjorde han, for at du kunne få liv. Det er derfor, Jesus med fuldt overlæg kan sige, at menneskets liv ikke afhænger af dets rigdomme, fordi han ved, hvad han taler om.

Jesus er din bror. Jesus er din frelser. Jesus er den, som kan sige til dig: »Du er rig hos Gud.«

Og derfor vil vi om lidt også kunne deltage i festmåltidet, hvor Jesus kommer og siger til dig:

»Kom, spis, drik og vær glad. Jeg kommer til dig nu, og jeg er rig, og jeg giver dig af mine rigdomme.«

Amen.

disciples, and said, Wherefore, be anxious for nothing in your lives." (Luk 12:22)

And he gives the examples. Look at the birds. They do not gather in barns, but your Father knows that you need all of this.

Here it is important: your Father knows. (Luk 12:24,30)

Who is he?

He is the one who sent his own son so that you and I might have children, that is, become children of him. Because he wants to give us all the good.

And we know that from the Bible. **Everything good comes from Him, from the Father of Light.** (James 1:17) As we sing in the song:

"All good gifts come from above. So thank God, praise God for all his glory."

But what does it mean to be rich with God?

To be rich with God means that Jesus says to you:

"Don't worry about anything."

This means that you don't have to worry about how you get food. You don't have to worry about how to get dressed on your body. You shouldn't worry about the small, trivial things of everyday life.

Why not?

Because Jesus tells you to seek His kingdom and His righteousness, and then everything else will be added to you. (Matt. 6:33)

The reason why all the riches that you have right now are not because you have worked hard. This is only because Jesus was called to be responsible for you on the cross, so that you could have children with God, so Jesus gives you all that He has.

Remember how Jesus was rich but became poor. (2 Corinthians 8:9) Remember how he owned everything in the whole world, but took on the form of a servant and became a human being and is a human being. (Philippians 2:6-8) He did all this so that you might have life. That is why Jesus can deliberately say that man's life does not depend on his riches because he knows what he is talking about.

Jesus is your brother. Jesus is your Savior. Jesus is the one who can say to you: "You are rich with God."

And therefore we will soon also be able to participate in the feast, where Jesus comes and says to you:

"Come, eat, drink, and be merry. I come to you now, and I am rich, and I give you of my riches."

Amen.