



The Treasures of Giving

“...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...” –
Matthew 6:20

Tobit: An Icon of Charity

- “In whatever way that you are able, so shall you be merciful. If you have much, distribute abundantly. If you have little, nevertheless strive to bestow a little freely. For you store up for yourself a good reward for the day of necessity. For almsgiving liberates from every sin and from death, and it will not suffer the soul to go into darkness.” (Tob. 4:8-11)



1. Delivers from Sin

- OT Sacrifices
- Giving of alms is a selfless act
- Almsgiving is an act of love





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- Daniel's Advice to King Nebuchadnezzar
 - "Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."
(Dan. 4:27)
- "[Almsgiving] enlightens the soul, encircles it, and makes it good and beautiful. He, who resolves to have compassion on the needy, will sooner cease from sin." (St. John Chrysostom)



2. Delivers from Death

- The Widow of Zarephath
- The Shunammite woman
- Tabitha
 - “At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.” (Acts 9:36)

3. Delivers from Darkness

- Cornelius
- “There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.” (Acts 10:1-2)





4. Delivers from a Day of Trouble

- “For you store up for yourself a good reward for the day of necessity.” (Tob. 4:10)
- “Blessed is he who thinks of the poor and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in an evil day.” (Ps. 40:1 Agpeya)
- EX: Tobit

5. Delivered from Corruption



“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matt. 6:19-20)