

Riches

ploutos – from a root indicating “flow.” In the Hellenistic mindset, this word was utilized as a pseudonym for *hades*.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, and upon this rock I will build my church (ekklesia); and the gates of hell (hades) shall not prevail against it.

Contrast *ploutos*—a flowing source—with wealth understood as retention that becomes its own source.

Consider the warning of Jesus in the parable of the sower

Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches (*ploutos*), choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Riches and Glory

Romans 9: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened (*krataioo*) with might (*dunamis*) by his Spirit in the inner man;

Ephesians 1: 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches (*ploutos*) of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power (*dunamis*) to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty (*ischus*) power (*kratos*), 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power (*exousia*), and might (*dunamis*), and dominion (*kyriotes*), and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Philippians 4: 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The riches of grace

Ephesians 1: 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Ephesians 2: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3: 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

The Triumph of Christ Jesus

Revelation 5: 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power (dunamis), and riches (ploutos), and wisdom (sophia), and strength (ischys), and honour (time), and glory (doxa), and blessing (eulogia).

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing (eulogia), and honour (time), and glory (doxa), and power (*kratos*), be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.