

**Matt. 6:19-24** *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and **where thieves do not break in or steal**; 21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 “The lamp of the body is the **eye**; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 “But if your **eye** is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

There are two distinct things of note that we must look at here. One regarding the "eye" and one regarding to the translation error of "break through" (break in). First we will look at the meaning of the eye. Notice here "eye" is singular. Does this make sense. We have two eyes. Having a bad eye in Hebrew meant you were stingy. He was speaking characteristically. He was saying *“if you are stingy person (not sharing, giving, helping others) you are not serving Yah”*. You may be serving money, your boss, your wife, family, etc, but not serving Yah. We cannot serve two masters. If you have a "good eye" you are a good person, generous, helping others, etc. So in reality Yeshua is bringing up a faith issue, stinginess and generosity. If we are truly members of Yah's family we should never be stingy, because we want to be blessed, and we are only blessed when we do what the Word says, which includes helping others generously. Yah blesses us when we bless others. Blessings we receive are really not just for us, they are to be poured out to others. **Prov. 22:9** *“He who is generous will be blessed, For he gives some of his food to the poor.*

In our Greco Roman way of thinking we are taught that if we gather enough material things and hoard them we will have life. People are taught to spend their lives getting everything (with money at the top of the list), they can together so they can have a full life. That is the enemies way of **"great darkness"** spoken of in that verse. In Hebrew thoughts if you don't give generously, you don't see straight, your eyes are cloudy. Your walking in darkness: *"your whole body will be full of darkness"*. Your life will suffer because of your stingy ways. You will not be blessed because of your inability to give generously.

If you have a good eye, you are looking in the torah how to be a great giver, if your not generous you look only after your mouth so you can be fed yourself. You take everything that comes your way and you never give back or allow things to come through you.



The second part I must point out here is the translation error. The words "break in" are used in many texts but the proper Hebrew words here are "break through" or "dig through". There is a connection here that most will not pick up on unless they are familiar with what was called a Threshold Covenant in ancient days.

In our western culture when we think of a thief stealing, we automatically think of them breaking into our homes, usually through the front door. They will break in wherever they can to steal. In this message however Yeshua is speaking about people digging through the brick walls of homes back in biblical times. They would enter a home by digging under it or through the brick walls.

**Why would a thief in those days dig through or under a brick wall?** They did so because covenant people had the threshold of their home covered by the blood of their god or goddess. To fully understand this idea one must be familiar with what was commonly called a Threshold Covenant. Very briefly, people sacrificed animals to the deity they worshipped on the threshold of their home, and anyone entering through their front door would be in covenant with the god they served. When a person crossed over the blood on the threshold they were making a clear statement that they honored the same god or goddess of the family. Because of the unknown god factor, no thief would come through the front door of a strangers home for fear of some form of curse coming on their lives from the deity they worshipped. The thieves would be afraid of crossing the threshold of a home they knew nothing about simply because of the threshold covenant they were not sure of. Thieves would not come through the front door to steal anything because they feared what the god of that home may do to them. People saw the entranceway to a house as a sacred place. They respected what it represented.

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