

Blackfriars

pened twice or even thrice during the ministry of Our Lord if the Gospels contained a three-fold account of the incident. Christ had nearly everyone in sympathy with Him in His attack on that materialistic and money-grubbing priesthood, which was worshipping Mammon even in the sanctuary of the most high God.

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THE RICH FOOL

St. Luke, xii, 16-20.

A H, ONE there was who thought within his heart,
‘What shall I do, my barns are all too small
A room wherein to store my goods apart?
This will I do : destroy them one and all,
And build them greater, safely then to hold
My grain and fruits in plenty, so shall be
Rich competence assured when I am old,
And to my soul will I speak secretly :
Thou hast much goods laid up for many a year,
Eat, drink, and make good cheer, take thy repose,
O Soul, for whose but thine shall these things be?’—
When swift upon his boast, death hovered near,
God said, ‘Thou Fool! Whose shall they be—who
knows?’
This night do they require thy soul of thee!’

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