

## The Value Of The Soul

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### Introduction.

I. One of the most thought provoking hymns in our hymnal is “What Shall It Profit?”

Not all earth’s gold and silver Can make a sinner whole; What shall it profit thee, O man If thou should’st lose thy soul?	This solemn question answer, Is worldly gain thy goal? Can fleeting riches be compared To an immortal soul?
The heaping up of riches To man seems life’s goal; But in the eager rush for wealth, Forgotten is the soul.	What shall it profit a man, What shall it profit a man, If he gain the whole world, And lose his own soul?

II. Recently I read this story about Charlemagne one of the most famous rulers of the Middle Ages. He was born in 742 and died in 814 at the age of 72. It was reported that after his death he was buried wrapped in royal robes in a marble chair. On his lap was a Bible opened to Mark 8 with his finger pointed to verse 36. (Mk. 8:36, 37).

III. It would seem that Charlemagne had some realization of “The Value of the Soul.”

A. It would be wonderful if all men would wake up and realize the value of the soul which God has given them.

#### B. The soul has great value.

1. Jesus said it is worth more than the whole world.
2. All the gold and silver and diamonds and oil and money in the whole world does not equal the value of one soul and it is certainly not worth the value of your soul. In the judgment a man would gladly exchange all for the salvation of his or her soul. This may have been the point Charlemagne was trying to make.

I. **God’s Estimate Of It** - The soul has great value because of God’s estimate of it.

A. God has given every person **an invaluable soul**.

1. Daniel spoke of man’s soul or spirit. (Dan. 7:15).
2. Jesus said. (Matt. 10:28).
3. Solomon said about the “soul” or “spirit.” (Eccles. 12:7).
  - a. Observe Solomon said the “spirit” or “soul” returns to God who gave it.
  - b. It was God who formed man and breathed into his nostrils the breathe of life.
  - c. It was God who endowed man with an immortal soul.

4. This is why He is called the “Father of spirits.” (Heb. 12:9).

B. The soul has such great value to God that He gave “Heaven’s Fairest Jewel” to rescue man from damnation.

1. The soul has such immense value that God gave His own Son. (Jn. 3:16).

2. **Paul** wrote. (Rom. 5:8).

3. The apostle John wrote. (1 Jn. 4:10).

C. **These scriptures and the whole gospel message sets forth the immense value of souls.** God gave His only Son that souls might be saved. God permitted His own Son to suffer intense pain and agony and humiliation that your soul might be saved and that my soul might be saved.

II. **Christ’s Estimate Of It** - The soul has great value because of Christ’s estimate of it.

A. Jesus recognized that the souls of men live forever and that they were separated from God and were lost.

B. Jesus came into the world to save man. (Lk. 19:10; Jn. 12:47).

C. **The salvation of the soul was not an easy task.**

1. It could not be accomplished by Jesus’ good character alone or by the payment of silver and gold. All the money in the world could not rescue man from condemnation.

2. **The price was extremely high.** It was the precious, sinless life of Jesus. (1 Pet. 1:18, 19).

a. **Isaiah** wrote. (Isa. 53:3-7).

**3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 ¶ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. 6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.**

b. Jesus, knowing the price of redemption, said. (Matt. 26:28).

3. Jesus willing died for our transgressions that our souls might be saved. (Jn. 10:18).

a. **Yes, Jesus willing went to the cross.**

b. He suffered scourging, mocking, humiliation, and immense suffering that He might save our souls.

III. **Satan's Estimate Of It-** The soul has great value because of Satan's estimate of it.

A. **Satan is no fool.** He knows the value of souls, and he does not like to see souls pleasing God. He does not want even one precious soul to be saved and enjoy God's blessings.

B. The writer of the book of Job has this to say in Job 1:1.

1. God was very pleased with Job, but not Satan.

2. He could not stand to see the soul of this man having favor with God and boasted that all were serving him.

3. The Lord God corrected Satan.

**JOB 1:8 And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."**

4. Satan responded. (Job. 1:9-11).

**9 Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 "Hast Thou not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 "But put forth Thy hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse Thee to Thy face."**

5. **Satan was not satisfied with the millions of souls in his power.** He was sure that he could have Job's soul if God would afflict him. **He wanted Job's soul and he wants your soul. He wants to torture you not for a day or week or month or year, but for all eternity.**

C. The Bible tells us that Satan is constantly **seeking to devour precious souls.** (1 Pet. 5:8).

D. The Bible teaches us that Satan wants us to remain lost so badly that he seeks to blind us to the truth.

1. The Bible says. (Jn. 8:32; Jas. 1:21). Stress how Satan says the opposite.

2. Satan **does not want men to hear the soul saving truth** of the gospel. (2 Cor. 4:3, 4).

**3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

3. He disguises himself as **an angel of light** to damn us. (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

**13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also**

**disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.**

**IV. Does Not End With The Grave** - The soul has great value because it does not end with the grave.

- A. **All of us are destined for the grave.** All of us have an appointment with death. One day we will die and our mortal bodies will return to the dust of the earth.
- B. **But there is a part of man that is not touched by death.** There is a part of man that does not return to the dust of the earth. It is our souls.
- C. **Our souls will live on throughout eternity.**
  - 1. The souls of those who have rejected Christ and remained in sin will spend eternity in hell where there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth. Jesus will say to them in that last day. (Matt. 25:41).
  - 2. The souls of those who have received Christ and chosen to walk in the light will spend eternity in heaven.
    - a. These souls will first be clothed with new spiritual bodies. (1 Cor. 15:49-58).
    - b. How comforting it is to know that our souls do not die, but will be clothed with new spiritual bodies and will be with God in heaven forever and ever.

**Conclusion.**

- I. I pray this lesson has impressed upon our minds the immense value of our souls. We have no possession that even compares to our valuable souls. **It is our more valuable asset and we must not lose it.**
- II. **There is just one way to insure the eternal salvation of our souls.**
  - A. We must **come to Jesus.**
    - 1. He is the only One who can wash away for sins.
    - 2. He is the only way to heaven. (Jn. 14:6).
  - B. We must **turn from sin.** (Lk. 13:3).
  - C. We must **be baptized.** (Jn. 3:5; Mk. 16:16).
  - D. We must **live a life of faithfulness.**
    - 1. Believing in Christ and being baptized is essential, but all alone it is worthless.
    - 2. We must emerged from the waters of baptism trusting and serving Jesus. (Rev. 2:10).
- III. **We urge you to come to Jesus now.**
  - A. Don't delay. Don't gamble with your soul. Don't wait for some more convenient time to save your precious soul.
  - B. **Come to the only One who can save it.** Come to the only One who can cleanse your soul and give you an eternity with God. Come as we stand and sing.

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