

A vibrant rainbow arches across a bright, cloudy sky. The rainbow's colors are clearly visible, transitioning from red on the left to violet on the right. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall scene is bright and uplifting.

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- “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”
- The soul is more valuable than everything, and it is worth sacrificing everything for its salvation.

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- “How strange a thing this is! The Priest telleth me that the Soul is worth all the gold in the world, and the merchants say that it is not worth a clipped piece of silver” (Oscar Wilde, The Fisherman and His Soul)
- “It is most certain that in the natural course of things a healthy soul grows continually richer until its latest day on earth” (George Merriam).
- “You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body” (C.S. Lewis).

# “Behold, All Souls are Mine”

- Three reasons why the soul is humankind’s greatest treasure and God’s beloved possession:
  - The soul is eternal; the world is perishable
  - The soul is a unique creation; the earth is of the common matter and energy that fills the universe
  - The price of a soul is the life of the Son of God

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- Matt. 16:26 - “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”
- Ez. 18:4-5, 9 - “Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die. 5 But if a man is just And does what is lawful and right... 9 If he has walked in My statutes And kept My judgments faithfully -- He is just; He shall surely live! Says the Lord GOD.”

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- Satan foolishly believes that man will give anything for his physical life, including his faith
  - Job 2:4 - “So Satan answered the LORD and said, Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.”
  - He tries to get us to believe that as well
- We must value our soul above our own life and everything in it

# Eternal Nature Of The Soul Vs. Temporary State Of The Body

- The soul is eternal
  - 2Cor. 4:16-18 - “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

# Eternal Nature Of The Soul Vs. Temporary State Of The Body

- The body and the life in it is temporary. The soul lives forever; the life in this world is roughly 80-90 years long
  - James 4:14 - “For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”

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- The Lord wants us to get our priorities in order
  - Matt. 5:29-30 - “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”
- Correct perspective
  - Ecc. 12:7 - “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.”

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- The quality of life in this world means little next to the quality of life in the world to come
  - Matt. 5:10-12 - “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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- 2Cor. 12:9-10 - “And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
- Our soul is precious because it will live forever; from the moment we enter this world, our soul never dies.

# The Soul Is God's Unique Creation

- Humankind is made in the image of God; life began with the very breath of God Himself
  - Gen. 1:26-27 - “Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

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- God knew our souls before we were born
  - Psalm 139:14-16 - “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.”

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- Our soul identifies us as children of God
  - Psalm 82:6 - “I said, You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.”
  - Acts 20:26-29 - “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising”

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- Our soul is precious because it is unique in this universe.
- There is nothing else that is born into and lives in this universe that is eternal except for the souls of humankind.

# The Value Of The Soul Is Beyond Priceless

- Sin separates man's soul from God
  - Isa. 59:2 - “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”
- This is not the state He wants for our souls.

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- What made it possible for our souls to be brought back from the dominion of sin?
  - Rom. 5:6-8 - “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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- Matt. 20:28 - “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
- 1Tim. 2:5-6 - “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time”

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- 1Peter 1:18-20 - “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”

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- He gave Himself for us; it is only right that we give our all back to Him
  - Matt. 16:24-25 - “Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”