

# **“Behold, All Souls are Mine”**

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Introduction: Mark 8:36-37

- A. The soul is more valuable than everything, and it is worth sacrificing everything for its salvation.
  - 2. “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*)
  - 3. “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).
  - 4. “You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body” (C.S. Lewis).
- B. Three reasons why the soul is humankind's greatest treasure and God's beloved possession:
  - 1. The soul is eternal; the world is perishable
  - 2. The soul is a unique creation; the earth is of the common matter and energy that fills the universe
  - 3. The price of a soul is the life of the Son of God
- C. Matt. 16:26; Ez. 18:4-5, 9
  - 1. Satan foolishly believes that man will give anything for his physical life, including his faith - Job 2:4
  - 2. He tries to get us to believe that as well
  - 3. We must value our soul above our own life and everything in it

## **I. ETERNAL NATURE OF THE SOUL VS. TEMPORARY STATE OF THE BODY**

- A. The soul is eternal - 2Cor. 4:16-18
- B. The body and the life in it is temporary - James 4:14
  - 1. The soul lives forever; the life in this world is roughly 80-90 years long.
- C. The Lord wants us to get our priorities in order - Matt. 5:29-30
  - 1. Correct perspective - Ecc. 12:7
  - 2. The quality of life in this world means little next to the quality of life in the world to come - Matt. 5:10-12; 2Cor. 12:9-10
- D. Our soul is precious because it will live forever; from the moment we enter this world, our soul never dies

## **II. THE SOUL IS GOD'S UNIQUE CREATION**

- A. Humankind is made in the image of God; life began with the very breath of God Himself - Gen. 1:26-27
  - 1. God knew our souls before we were born - Psalm 139:14-16
  - 2. Our soul identifies us as children of God - Psalm 82:6; Acts 20:26-29
- B. Our souls are precious because they are unique in this universe
  - 1. There is nothing else that is born into and lives in this universe that is eternal except for the souls of humankind.

## **III. THE VALUE OF THE SOUL IS BEYOND PRICELESS**

- A. Sin separates man's soul from God - Isa. 59:2. This is not what He wants
- B. What made it possible for our souls to be brought back from the dominion of sin? - Rom. 5:6-8; Matt. 20:28; 1Tim. 2:5-6; 1Peter 1:18-20
  - 1. He gave Himself for us; it is only right that we give our all back to Him - Matt. 16:24-25