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WHAT IS THE VALUE OF MAN?



How much are we worth? Several answers can be given to this question. From a physical point of view, the average physical body is made up of about \$4.50 worth of chemicals. The average price for dumping trash at trash sites is \$20 a ton. This means that a human body could be left at a dump site for about \$2.00 rather than in an expensive box under the ground.

Our physical body is not worth very much. Or, is it? Newly found medical techniques have increased the value of the human body. A lung or heart or kidney can be worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Some have even attempted to sell human body parts on

Ebay for astronomical prices. Blood donors can receive up to \$25 for a pint of blood but that same pint of blood can be sold for about \$300 when used by hospitals.

So, what is man worth? Obviously, it depends on how you look at it when considering the value of the physical body. But there is another way to consider man's value. Is a man worth only \$4.50? Are we worth several thousands of dollars because of the body parts we possess? Or, is there a greater value that we need to consider?

The Psalmist raised a very significant question in Psalm 8:4: "What is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that You visit him?" Then the answer is given: "For you made him a little lower than angels, [that's valuable] and You have crowned him with glory and honor. [here is value] You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; [again a great value] You have put all things under his feet [there's value in this]. Consider man's worth from the Psalmist's view. Just under angels, possessing glory and honor, having power over the creation, and having all things under man's feet. These attributes all have to do with the physical part of man and are certainly valuable.

But there is something else that gives value to man's existence. Man's value cannot be determined solely by physical measures. There is something about the nature of man that makes man more valuable than animals and everything else in God's creation. We learn man's true value in the Bible. In fact, in the very opening pages of God's Word, we learn about the nature of man, which determines our value. In Genesis 1:26, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;'" According to the divine record, we are made in the very image of God. We are made after God's likeness. What this means is that there is something about man that is like God. It is not our physical body, but it is our eternal spirit. Our physical body will decay and one day cease to exist. But our spiritual nature will never die.

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It is the spirit of man that is of great value. We can spend thousands and thousands of dollars on the physical body. We can treat it with medicine and medical care. We can do things to make the physical body more attractive and neglect the most important thing about the human existence.

Jesus put this all in perspective when He asked, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26-27).

We can learn more about man's value when we consider the fact that our physical body is the dwelling place of the God's spirit. Notice what this verse says: "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). Here is an even plainer statement: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Our body is not very valuable as far as monetary things go, but when we think of it as the dwelling place of God's spirit it is invaluable. Not only does God's spirit dwell in us, but our own eternal spirit is housed in our body.

It is the spirit that we need to be concerned about. Notice what Jesus said: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28-29).

Paul wrote: "Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands" (2 Corinthians 5:1-2). This physical body is defined here as an earthly tent that is being destroyed. But, he said, we have an eternal house awaiting us. It is interesting that in this comparison the terms "tent" and "house" are used. We know a house is a more valuable dwelling than a tent. Also a tent implies a

temporary dwelling place, while the word "house" suggests a permanent dwelling. Our spirit is in a temporary abode....a physical body...which isn't worth much...but it awaits an eternal abode, made by God and not man.

While much care and effort goes into the physical body to care for it, primp it, dress it up, improve it's looks, often not much time or effort goes into the care of the most important part of man, this spirit. How careless we are sometimes with our souls. We want to preserve physical life but are not concerned with our spiritual well being. Remember, Jesus asked, "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?" This is the question each of us should be asking. What do you value more than your soul? What are you willing to sacrifice your soul for?

Jesus died so that we would not have to pay the penalty for sin. Sin is the greatest enemy of our soul. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice to take care of the sin problem for mankind.

What is man worth? What are you worth? We are worth a Son. We are worth God's Son. That's the price paid for the salvation of our soul. What is our response to God's sacrifice? Our faith and trust in God and our obedience to His word is what He requires on our part.

Here's what the Bible says we must do to prepare our souls for eternity. We must believe in Christ as the Son of God, (Mark 16:15,16). We must repent, i.e., turn away from past sins (Luke 13:3,5). We must be willing to make a confession of our faith in Jesus before men (Romans 10:9,10; Acts 8:37). We must put Christ on in baptism (Galatians 3:27). Then we must live to follow Christ, patterning our lives after His example. We must fight the fight, keep the faith, and finish the race, and there will be a crown awaiting us when this life is over (2 Timothy 4:8).

What is the value of man? From a physical perspective....not much. But, from a spiritual perspective, we are worth the greatest sacrifice ever made. Value your soul...care for your soul...it will last for all eternity. CEM



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