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THE VALUE OF A SOUL

TEXT: MARK 8:35-36:

"FOR WHOSOEVER WILL SAVE HIS
LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; BUT WHO-
SOEVER SHALL LOSE HIS LIFE
FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S,
THE SAME SHALL SAVE IT.

"FOR WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A
MAN IF HE SHALL GAIN THE
WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS
OWN SOUL?"

ILL: COURT FIGHT IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA,
HAS BEEN GOING ON DURING THE LAST
MONTH.

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ILL: MAO TSE-TUNG WROTE A FEW MONTHS AGO:
"IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE OUR
PEOPLE'S ALLEGIANCE. WE MUST
POSSESS THEIR VERY SOULS."

ILL: "SOUL" IS COMPARED BY CHRIST WITH
THE "WHOLE WORLD".

-- IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO GRASP WHAT
IS MEANT BY "WHOLE WORLD".

-- WE MAY TRAVEL OVER IT, YET OUR
KNOWLEDGE IS LIMITED.

-- THE WHOLE WORLD INCLUDES MANY
AREAS.

-- JESUS SAID: "ONE SOUL IS WORTH
THE WHOLE WORLD".

-- YOU MAY GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND
AWAKEN ONE MORNING TO FIND YOU
HAVE MISSED THE MOST IMPORTANT

THING OF ALL AND YOU CANNOT
REGAIN IT.

I. IT IS VALUABLE BECAUSE IT IS ETERNAL:

-- THE BODY IS A BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE,
BUT IT IS MATTER.

-- NO MATTER HOW STRONG, IT WILL DIE.

-- "IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE
TO DIE."

-- AS THE BODY HAS ITS VARIOUS MEMBERS
SO HAS THE SOUL ITS VARIOUS
FACULTIES AND ATTRIBUTES:

A. UNDERSTANDING.

B. JUDGMENT, WHICH WEIGHS
AND DETERMINES.

C. THE WILL, WHICH CHOOSES OR
REJECTS THE THINGS BROUGHT
BEFORE IT.

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- D. AFFECTIONS, WHICH CAUSE US
TO FEAR AND DETEST.
- E. MEMORY, WHICH IS THE MENTAL
CAPACITY FOR STORING UP OUR
KNOWLEDGE OF IDEAS AND EVENTS.
- F. CONSCIENCE, WHICH IS THE
MONITOR OF THE SOUL, JUDGES
AND PRONOUNCES VERDICTS UPON
ALL WE SAY OR DO OR THINK.

-- DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BODY, SPIRIT,
AND SOUL.

ILL: SCIENCE, PRODUCING LIVING
CELLS, TALKS OF PROTOPLASM.

-- PROTOPLASMS BY THEMSELVES
CANNOT SMILE IN THE MIDST
OF PAIN, LOVE THE UNLOVELY,
GENERATE HIGH HOPE IN
TIMES OF DISASTER.

-- CANNOT CONTEMPLATE GOD.

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-- THERE IS SOMETHING BEYOND SCIENCE
IN MAN AND THE BIBLE CALLS IT
"A SOUL".

ILL: KOSYGIN, SUPPOSEDLY A CONVINCED
ATHEIST, BELIEVING LIFE IS ALL
HERE AND NO HEREAFTER.

-- YET A FEW MONTHS AGO WHEN
HIS VERY BEAUTIFUL BLONDE
WIFE DIED FROM CANCER, WE
SAW A PICTURE OF HIM SORROW-
ING AT THE OPEN GRAVE INTO
WHICH HE WAS THROWING A FIR
BRANCH, THE RUSSIAN SYMBOL
OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

-- OUR BODIES RETURN ~~UNTO~~ THE EARTH,
BUT THE SOUL LIVES ON.

JOB SAID: "BUT THERE IS A SPIRIT
IN MAN."

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-- ECCLESIASTES 12:7:

"THEN SHALL THE DUST RETURN TO
THE EARTH AS IT WAS, AND THE
SPIRIT SHALL RETURN UNTO GOD
WHO GAVE IT."

ILL: WHICH DO YOU CARE FOR -- A
CHILD'S CLOTHES OR THE CHILD?

SERVANT SAYS: "HERE ARE THE
CLOTHES, NEAT AND CLEAN, BUT
THE CHILD IS LOST."

I SAY: "LORD, HERE IS MY BODY,
I DIDN'T NEGLECT IT, BUT I CAST
AWAY MY SOUL."

-- THE BODY IS THE HOUSE; AND THE
SOUL IS THE TENANT.

II. IT IS VALUABLE BECAUSE OF
SATAN'S INTEREST:

-- IN RECENT POLLS, 70% OF AMERICAN
PEOPLE BELIEVED IN A PERSONAL DEVIL.

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ILL: DR. C. S. LEWIS, THE GREAT
OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SCHOLAR
WHO DIED ON THE SAME DAY AS
PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S
ASSASSINATION, ARGUED
BRILLIANTLY THAT THE MAIN
TASK OF SATAN IS TO MAKE YOU
THINK HE DOES NOT EXIST.

ILL: ADAM AND EVE IN THE
GARDEN OF EDEN.

ILL: AS GOD IS BUILDING A KINGDOM,
SO SATAN IS BUILDING HIS.

MATTHEW 13:19:

"WHEN ANYONE HEARTH THE WORD
OF THE KINGDOM, AND UNDER-
STANDETH IT NOT, THEN COMETH
THE WICKED ONE AND CATCHETH
AWAY THAT WHICH HAS BEEN SOWN
IN HIS HEART."

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-- THE FIELD IS THE WORLD; THE GOOD SEED ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM.

-- BUT THE TARES ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE; THE ENEMY THAT SOWED THEM IS THE DEVIL.

-- JESUS PICTURED SATAN AS AN ENEMY BATTLING AND BIDDING FOR THE SOULS OF MEN.

III. IT IS VALUABLE BECAUSE OF GOD'S CONCERN:

-- WHOLE BIBLE CONCERNED WITH SAVING AND DEVELOPING THE SOUL.

-- II PETER 3:9:

"GOD IS LONGSUFFERING TO US-
WARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY
SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL
SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE."

"GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE
TOWARD US, IN THAT WHILE WE
WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED
FOR US."

IV. IT IS VALUABLE BECAUSE OF THE
NATURE OF ITS LOSS:

-- IT IS TRAGIC TO LOSE YOUR
HEALTH, WEALTH, FRIENDS, AND
CHARACTER.

ILL: CHILD WANDERS INTO WOODS IN
NORTH CAROLINA. THE WHOLE
STATE PRACTICALLY STOPS TO
LOOK FOR THE CHILD.

I. YOU LOSE IN THIS LIFE.

-- YOU CAN'T GET IT ALL.
-- YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU.

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-- EVEN IF YOU GOT IT ALL, IT
DOESN'T BRING PEACE AND
HAPPINESS.

-- IT DOESN'T HELP IN TIME OF
TROUBLE.

ILL: ACTRESS, WHO GOT FOURTH
DIVORCE THE OTHER DAY IN
NEW YORK, SAID: "MY FACE
AND FIGURE ARE FLUNG ON
TELEVISION, MOTION PICTURES,
MAGAZINES AND NEWSREELS
AROUND THE WORLD, BUT MY
LIFE IS AS EMPTY AS A RAIN
BARREL."

ILL: ONE OF THE "MESSAGE SONGS"
OF FOLK SINGERS IN AMERICA:
"I AM NOT PREPARED FOR
ETERNITY".

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2. YOU LOSE IN THE LIFE TO COME.

-- IN PSALM 11:6, IT IS CALLED
"A HORRIBLE TEMPEST".

-- IN PSALM 18:5, IT IS CALLED
"A PLACE OF SORROWS".

-- IN MATTHEW 13:42 IT IS CALLED
"A PLACE OF WAILING".

-- IN MATTHEW 8:12 IT IS CALLED
"A PLACE OF KEEPING".

-- IN LUKE 16:23 IT IS CALLED
"A PLACE OF TORMENT".

-- IN REVELATION 20:11 IT IS
CALLED "A PLACE OF FILTHINESS".

-- IN MATTHEW 8:12 IT IS CALLED
"A PLACE OF OUTER DARKNESS".

-- IN REVELATION 14:11 IT IS
CALLED "A PLACE OF UNREST".

-- IN MATTHEW 25:46 IT IS CALLED
"A PLACE OF EVERLASTING
PUNISHMENT".

-- IN LUKE 16:25 IT IS CALLED A
"PLACE OF MEMORY".

-- IN REVELATION 20:15 IT IS
CALLED "THE LAKE OF FIRE".

ILL: LATEST JAMES BOND FILM:
"YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE".

V. IT IS VALUABLE BECAUSE OF THE
PRICE PAID FOR ITS REDEMPTION:

-- I PETER 1:18-19:

"FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YE
WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPT-
IBLE THINGS, AS SILVER AND GOLD,
FROM YOUR VAIN CONVERSATION RE-
CEIVED BY TRADITION FROM YOUR
FATHERS; BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS

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BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB
WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT."

ILL: ~~CLIFF RICHARD AND THE SONG HE~~
SANG: "IT'S CHRIST'S BLOOD ALONE
THAT HAS THE POWER TO CLEANSE
FROM THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN."

ILL: JUGGLER.

-- ONCE YOU LOSE IT, THERE IS NOTHING
THAT CAN BUY IT BACK.

-- WHAT WILL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE
FOR HIS SOUL?

ILL: ~~WHEN THE ANDREA DORIA WAS GOING~~
DOWN, BAGGAGE WAS CONSIDERED
WORTHLESS.

ILL: JOHN HARPER OF ENGLAND ON WAY TO
PREACH BOODY CHURCH, ON TITANIC,
DRIFTED INTO YOUNG MAN HOLDING
ONTO A PLANK.

-- HARPER SAID: "YOUNG MAN, ARE YOU SAVED?"

HE SAID: "NO."

-- A WAVE SEPARATED THEM. AFTER A FEW MINUTES THEY WERE WITHIN SPEAKING DISTANCE OF EACH OTHER, AND AGAIN HARPER CALLED TO HIM: "HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PEACE WITH GOD?"

THE YOUNG MAN SAID: "NOT YET."

-- A WAVE OVERWHELMED JOHN HARPER AND HE WAS SEEN NO MORE.

-- BUT THE WORDS "ARE YOU SAVED?" KEPT RINGING IN THE YOUNG MAN'S EARS.

-- TWO WEEKS LATER A YOUTH STOOD UP IN A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING IN NEW YORK, TOLD HIS STORY, AND SAID: "I AM JOHN HARPER'S LAST CONVERT."

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