

THE VALUE OF THE SOUL

Lk.12:16-21

INTRODUCTION:

- A. We live in a materialistic world and have a tendency to value only the material things in life.
- B. A university president was said to have addressed a student body on, "How To Be A Success". Not once did he refer to any spiritual values in life.
- C. Jesus talked about a man whom we would consider to be a success in life, but he was an absolute failure because he placed all emphasis on the material side of life.
- D. **(Title)** Let's consider now the value of the soul and see some things that show its value

DISCUSSION:

I. THE NATURE OF THE SOUL - IMMORTAL

- A. Man has something that distinguishes him from the animals
 - 1. Made in the image of God Gen.1:26,27
 - 2. Man became a living soul Gen.2:7
 - 3. Soul given by God Eccl.12:7
- B. Soul worth more than all the world Mk.8:36
- C. Soul of man does not die Matt.10:28

II. THE VALUE MAN PLACES ON THE WORLD

- A. In dollars the value of the world is almost beyond estimation
 - 1. One small particle called a diamond is worth thousands of dollars
 - 2. No man has ever gained the whole world
- B. Many have tried to possess the whole world
 - 1. Alexander the great, Napoleon, Hitler
 - 2. If we could, we could not keep it, others would take it or surely death would deprive us of it
- C. A Moslem hero named Saladin conquered Egypt and established himself as Sultan of Egypt and Syria
 - 1. After taking town after town even Jerusalem he had to yield to death
 - 2. Moments before he died he had a herald to suspend upon the point of a lance the shroud in which he was to be buried and cry, "LOOK, here is all Saladin the great, the conqueror, the emperor bears away with him of all his glory
- D. Solomon tried the material things and found them to be vanity and a striving after the wind. Eccl 2:11

III. THE VALUE OF THE SOUL IS SHOWN BY:

- A. Its immortal nature
 - 1. Anything man makes can be destroyed

- 2. Value is sometimes rated according to the indestructibility - Diamonds - special tools - etc
- 3. Man cannot kill the soul Matt.10:28
- B. Satan's desire to have the soul shows its value
 - 1. Devil offered Christ all kingdoms of the world if he would fall down and worship him Matt.4:9
 - 2. Devil seeks whom he may devour 1Pet.5:8
 - 3. Satan wouldn't want our souls if they were not valuable
- C. The value is seen in Heaven's work to save it and the price paid for its redemption
 - 1. Christ was carrying out the plan of God to save mankind Jhn.9:4
 - 2. God gave his Son's life for sinful man Jhn.3:16; Rom.5:8
 - 3. The precious blood of Christ 1Pet.1:18,19
- D. Value seen in sorrow over its loss and joy over its salvation
 - 1. God became sorry he had made man because of man's wickedness Gen.6:5,6
 - 2. More joy over one that repenteth than over ninety-nine that need no repentance Lk.15:7,10
 - 3. When a soul is lost it is a complete loss - it is irreparable loss - lost forever
- E. Value seen in the home prepared for the soul
 - 1. A prepared place Matt.25:34
 - 2. Not desirous that any be lost 2Pet.3:9
 - 3. Home prepared for everyone who will seek it

CONCLUSION:

- A. The great tragedy is that man is selling his soul, that which is so priceless, for fleeting trifles, for momentary fleshly gratification.
- B. God has provided the power to save souls Rom.1:16
- C. Our soul is too precious to spend our time living after the flesh, to take a chance on something not in the Word of God, to place all emphasis on the temporal and physical values of life.