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Some Precious Things

The Scriptures speak of many things that are precious. When the word “precious” is used it indicates “something of great value, worth, or something that is treasured or costly.”

So, with that thought in mind let’s take a look at some of the “precious things” which are mentioned in the Bible. Starting with...

The Lovingkindness of God Is Precious.

In Psalm 36:7, David penned, “*How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!*” You see, the lovingkindness or mercy of God is of great value. Much more valuable than other things of value, simply because none of us are deserving of the lovingkindness of God.

The Death of Saints Is Precious.

I know that it is hard for many to imagine death as being something that is precious, but the truth is, the death of a saint (faithful Christian) is precious in the Lord’s sight, for as the inspired Psalmist of old wrote, “*Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints*” (Psalm 116:15).

God’s Thoughts Are Precious.

In Psalm 139:17, David says, “*How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great are the sum of them!* Yes, indeed, God’s thoughts certainly are precious. For, the fact of the matter is, His thoughts cannot compare to the thoughts of anyone else (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Wisdom Is Precious.

Another thing which the Bible describes as being precious is wisdom. In Proverbs 3:13-15, the wise man informed, “*Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding. For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.*”

The Lips of Knowledge Are Precious.

Just as wisdom is precious, so are the lips that utter wisdom and or speak knowledge. In Proverbs 20:15, we read, “*There is gold and a multitude of rubies, But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.*”

The Genuineness of Faith Is Precious.

Did you know that the trial of faith is precious? You see, in 1 Peter 1:7, we learn that the genuineness or the trial of faith is much more precious than gold that perishes. So, when you are grieved by various trials, remember those inspired words of the apostle Peter.

The Blood of Christ Is Precious.

How are Christians redeemed? Well, they are not redeemed by corruptible things like silver or gold, but rather

they are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19). Now, the question is, have you been washed in the blood of Christ and been redeemed?

A Gentle and Quiet Spirit Is Precious.

The heart is the inner part of man (Luke 6:45) and a gentle and quiet spirit denotes one who is calm tempered, content, free from passion, pride, envy, and irritability. So, strive to have a gentle and quiet spirit, for as Peter informed, it is very precious in the sight of God (1 Peter 3:4).

Like Faith Is Precious.

Faith comes by the hearing of God’s word (Romans 10:17) and it is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). You see, as Christians we have obtained a like faith, and we are united together in our faith, and the apostle Peter says this kind of faith is precious (2 Peter 1:1).

The Exceedingly Great Promises of God Are Precious.

Also, the Bible speaks of the precious promises of God (2 Peter 1:4). You see, it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18). Therefore, when God makes a promise He will keep it, and one of those great and precious promises is that of eternal life (Titus 1:2). However, there is a condition to this promise, and only those who are obedient to God will obtain it (Hebrews 5:9).

These are just a few of the “precious things” that are mentioned in the Bible. Now, I ask, how precious are they to you?

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God Is Not Prejudice

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (Acts 10:34-35).

A thousand times, AMEN! God is not prejudice. God does not play favorites. God does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, or nationality.

Regardless of who you are, if you want to please and serve God, you can. If you want to be received and accepted by God, you can. Are there conditions? Absolutely! In order to be accepted by God I must fear Him and do what is right. May that be our sincere determination today and everyday!

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