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Bible Study

Value

What is the most valuable thing you have ever touched? Some may say a check for a large amount of money like that for a down payment on a house, others a car, or designer handbag. How do things acquire their value? Who has the authority to give it value?

Since the dollar is no longer on the gold standard, money's value is something we simply agree upon. But what about us? What gives us value?

Read Matthew 6:26, Psalms 8:3–8, Psalms 139:13–16, and Jeremiah 1:5–8.

What does this say about your value? Who sets your value?

Each life has tremendous value. We will never know how this one life will impact others. Read Job 10:11–13.

What do we do with things that are valuable?

In some homes there are china cabinets. Within the beautiful woodwork are items which hold such value they are on display and only used on rare occasions. There are other items behind simple cabinet doors that are used regularly. Neither of these items are useless. They have a proper time and place for use. How does God show us our value in Psalm 27:5–6?

During the time of the Reformation people were cheapening the sacrifice of Jesus by attempting to buy forgiveness. What is a human life worth? What is the life of the Son of God worth? According to the Bible the price of a human in slavery was thirty pieces of silver, the equivalent of around \$200 today. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget puts a value of \$7–9 million on a human life today. There is an enormous difference in the cost of a slave for \$200 and a human life for \$7 million. One life was given for us. The perfect life of Jesus was given in exchange for our broken and sinful one. His sacrifice was of immense value for the entire world.

Read Isaiah 43:1–7. How does God show us our value in this passage?

God is with us throughout our difficulties. We never have to fear Him abandoning us, leaving us, or making us feel as though we have no value. He continues to show up, guide, protect, and forgive us because He is a faithful God worthy of our praise.

People of this world will abandon us. They will misuse us. They will miss our value and attempt to determine for themselves how much we are worth. They will see what we have to offer and try to determine our value. Praise be to God that we know our value! We know the God who has established it, and we have access to His Word where we can read over and over again how He feels about us, even when we don't know our own value.

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