

Things That Are More Valuable Than Gold

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Text: Job 31:24-25, 28

There is a temptation to put our trust in wealth, especially when we face greater uncertainty than normal. For centuries, gold has been valued; and the Scriptures do not deny the value of it. However, we are not to put our trust in it. As Job said in our text, that would amount to denying the Lord. We need to remember, especially in difficult and uncertain times, that some things are more valuable.

Word of God (Psalm 19:10; 119:72)

- It comes from God (2 Timothy 3:16)
- It addresses man's biggest problem and provides the solution (Romans 3:23; 6:23)
- It will never become outdated or obsolete (Jude 3; Galatians 1:8-9)

Wisdom (Proverbs 8:19; Job 28:12-15)

- It provides life and prosperity (Proverbs 3:13-18)
- It delivers us from evil (Proverbs 2:10-22)

Faith (1 Peter 1:7)

- It is produced by the word of God (Romans 10:17) – as the word is more precious, so is our faith
- It saves us (Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:1) – not faith alone (James 2:24), but an obedient faith (James 2:26)
- It will be tested (2 Timothy 3:12) – hold onto faith no matter what (Revelation 2:10)

Good Name (Proverbs 22:1)

- Our reputation is based upon our actions (Matthew 5:16) – not just our words (Proverbs 20:6)
- We must lead a life in which we are consistently doing good (Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58)

Heaven (Matthew 6:19-21)

- Treasures on earth are temporal (1 Timothy 6:17; Luke 12:20; 2 Peter 3:10)
- Treasures in heaven are eternal (1 Peter 1:4) – notice the symbolic description of heaven (Revelation 21:18-21) showing that it is far greater than anything this world can offer

Our Soul (Matthew 16:26)

- The only part of us that is eternal – bodies decay (2 Corinthians 4:16-18) and must be changed (1 Corinthians 15:50-53)
- When we die, our soul/spirit returns to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7) – we will then be judged (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14); to be found pleasing to Him, we must value the things of God more than the things of this world

Conclusion

- There is a value and benefit to gold, provided we do not allow it to become an idol in our lives – yet we must realize that its value is limited
- Other things are more valuable – let's be sure we make those things a priority