

“YOU ARE OF MORE VALUE”

Luke 12:6-7 *“Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; **you are of more value** than many sparrows.”*

While we are unworthy of the love and grace of God, we are not worthless. He perceives our value in a way that we are often blind to.

I. GOD MADE YOU IN HIS OWN IMAGE

- A. Genesis 5:1-2** *“In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.”*

God who is powerful enough to craft the entire universe with His words decided to form sentient life on earth according to His own image and the result is you.

- B. Psalm 8:3-6** *“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”*

God has bestowed on you glory and honor as the pinnacle of His creation. May we never forget the intrinsic dignity in being human.

- C. Psalm 139:13-14** *“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”*

At creation, Jehovah did not simply wind the clock and walk away. He was directly and personally involved in your fetal development.

II. GOD FILLS YOUR NEEDS

- A. **Acts 14:17** *"He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."*

It speaks to the existence of God that He has fed us by watering the earth, making it fertile. He did better than to feed us; He made it possible to eat.

- B. **Matthew 6:25-34** *"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not of more value than they?** Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

The Lord knows what we need and He provides it.

- C. **James 1:17** *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."*

He is the source of everything good and He is reliable!

III. GOD GAVE HIS OWN SON FOR YOU

- A. **John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*
There is no higher expression of love than this.
- B. **Romans 5:6-8** *"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*
The Almighty put His love for us on display by sending His Son to die for us when we were altogether undeserving.
- C. **Romans 8:31-32** *"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"*
We can never lack anything we need knowing God is on our side, which He proved by sacrificing Christ on our behalf.
- D. **1st John 4:8-10** *"God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*
When it comes to love, the best we can do is reciprocate. He started it. We can only love Him back.

IV. GOD WANTS TO LISTEN TO YOUR PRAYERS

- A. **1st Peter 5:6-7** *"Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."*
The mighty God cares about you. He wants to listen to your problems.
- B. **Philippians 4:6-7** *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and*

the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

We may let go of anxiety and gain unsurpassable peace when we pray.

- C. **Hebrews 4:15-16** *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Praying to Him humbly does not rule out praying to Him boldly! He invites us to eagerly seek His grace and His mercy.

- D. **Psalms 62:8** *“Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.”*

There is nothing in our hearts He does not want to hear about.

V. GOD TRUSTS YOU WITH TEMPTATIONS

- A. **1st Corinthians 10:13** *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

Whatever temptation you are facing—be it temptation to practice immorality, temptation to abandon faith, temptation to despair of life—you are only experiencing that because God knows you can endure it.

- B. **Luke 22:31** *“The Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.’”*

The devil cannot tempt a soul until God allows it, which means if the temptation comes that He has already evaluated you and evaluated the temptation and determined you are capable of withstanding the onslaught. If you succumb, as Peter did in this case, it was a deliberate choice and God cannot be blamed.

- C. **Job 1:8** *"Then Jehovah said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?'"*

When God and the devil throw down, He knows whom He can name as faithful and true.

VI. GOD HAS PREPARED AN ETERNAL HOME FOR YOU

- A. **John 14:1-3** *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

To ward off troubled hearts, Jesus promises a home in heaven.

- B. **1st Peter 1:3-5** *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."*

A perfect heavenly reservation awaits!