

How much is God worth?

A Personal Reflection by John, Servant and Disciple of Christ, Zion's Roar Holy Spirit Ministry.

Dear Beloved,

Very often I have found myself asking the Lord what I could do, what I should do, what I should say. There were days the Lord gave me a word of encouragement, and everyone seemed to enjoy those words. Many times, He gave me lessons from scripture, and other times He directed me to specific passages. But the root of my question toward YHWH (our God) has always been this: how can I love Him more? How can I have perfect faith toward Him? How can I become what He created and purposed me to be, so I could bless others and help them see and understand who He truly is?

There was a day when He gave me a question to work on, a question that we all truly need to think about, process, and meditate upon. It connected to another question my soul had asked a couple of weeks earlier, and that question was: what do I truly want? Do I want a godly life, a worldly life, or a balanced life? The first answer that popped into my head was a balanced life. I imagine that would still be the same answer most people would give today. Yet as I sat and pondered, the question became more complicated. There has always been more underneath the surface of every “simple” question.

And here is where the Lord pressed the truth deeper. What does a “balanced life” really mean? Can there be such a thing when it comes to the gospel? In the world, balance is often spoken of as dividing our time, desires, and efforts so that nothing overtakes the other. But in Christ, we should all know by now that there can be no balance with sin. You cannot balance lies with truth. You cannot balance drunkenness with sobriety. You cannot balance lust with holiness. Light and darkness cannot share the same space. Paul asked it plainly: “What communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15).

But, what about time? To live and have a balanced time? To try to live in balance between the ways of the world and the way of God is to live divided, and a divided heart will always be unstable. That is why Christ said, “No man can serve two masters” (Matthew 6:24).

Time is the one thing we can never buy back. Money can be earned again, possessions can be replaced, and opportunities may return in another form, but every moment that passes is gone forever.

When we give our time to the world, to pleasure, or to sin, we are not just losing hours, we are stealing them from God, who gave us breath and days to glorify Him. In truth, every second belongs to Him, yet how often do we treat our time as if it were ours to spend however we wish?

And here lies the greater deception; Even on the one-day God specifically set apart as holy, *the Sabbath*, the flesh still seeks to rob Him. God calls it His day, yet the flesh calls it wasted time. God says it is a delight, yet the flesh says it is a burden. Instead of resting in Him, worshipping Him, and rejoicing in His presence, many use the Sabbath for their own pleasure, or treat the hours as interruptions to their routine. In doing so, the flesh steals what God set apart for Himself.

The Sabbath exposes where our hearts truly are. Do we see it as God’s time, or do we still claim it as our own? Every hour spent chasing our own will while claiming to honor His is proof that our time is divided. And a divided time always leads to a divided heart.

Beloved, time is not just a measurement of hours and days, it is the very fabric of our obedience. To spend time with God is to invest in eternity. To spend it on the flesh is to throw away what can never be returned. Paul exhorted us: “*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil*” (Ephesians 5:16). If we truly believe His Kingdom is of greater worth than all else, then our time must reflect that belief.

Many believe they can balance worldly attachments with following Christ, but discipleship demands total surrender. Just thinking of letting go of lying, cursing, or immorality keeps many from truly accepting God. They say, “God gets in the way of enjoying life,” but in reality, these attachments keep them in bondage and blind them to who God really is. A balanced life is a myth. You cannot balance holiness with rebellion. To be chosen means you are set apart, and that separation will cost you. And the disciple’s life is not one of partial commitment, but of complete surrender. Whatever you own, owns you. A man cannot be attached to both Christ and the things of this world.

A divided life is not balance; it is bondage. In Him there is no negotiating how much we keep back for ourselves. The call is all or nothing. Christ compared discipleship to building a tower and to going to war, because both require counting the cost before starting, and both demand endurance until the end.

I did not go into all the details back then, because the details are already found throughout the entirety of the salvation series studies stored with Zion’s Roar archives and available for all to read. As much as I have wanted to help, guide, and make it easier for everyone to see, to learn, to understand, and to love God, there is still a part of the good works that God commands us in 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Timothy 3:16–17 that I cannot do for anyone else. Human nature has always shown that humanity tend not to value what it’s received freely from others as much as when they work hard to attain it. Perhaps that is part of why Paul wrote, “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

This brought me to another thought: why are we so stingy toward God? In the book of Malachi, God said He would rather the temple doors be shut than for the people to continue bringing meaningless offerings, injured, crippled, blemished, or diseased animals burned on useless fires (Malachi 1:10–13). Even worse, the people considered their gifts and service to Him to be a burden. And is this not how many people today treat the Sabbath? God calls it a delight: “If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable” (Isaiah 58:13). Yet for many, it still feels like an interruption, a heavy command, or even an inconvenience.

Why is this?

It is because the flesh sees rest in God as wasted time when it could be pursuing its own pleasures, and because without the Spirit, obedience will always feel like restriction instead of freedom.

But for the chosen, what feels like a burden is actually preparation. God sets them apart, strips away distractions, and trains them to walk a different path. Whatever the soul resists from the flesh, it embraces through the Spirit. When the soul delights in God, the Sabbath becomes a joy and you look forward to it. When the soul is divided, it becomes a burden.

Commitment is proven in the heart. God calls us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:36–38). When obedience feels like a burden, it is because the heart has not fully surrendered. To those who love Him, obedience is joy. To those still clinging to self, obedience feels like loss.

And involvement itself is part of that obedience. Involvement in service, evangelism, giving, and exhorting one another is the very evidence of living faith. To profess that we know God but deny Him in works is to live as reprobates (Titus 1:16). Faith without works is dead (James 2:17–26). Involvement is required to maintain salvation, and when our service becomes stingy or reluctant, we reveal that our hearts are still divided. (Study 50)

Christ spoke about the cost of being His disciple in (Luke 9:57–62), and in Matthew's Gospel He gave the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44–46) to show how valuable the kingdom of God is.

This has never been about money, though giving has its place. This is about giving God our hearts, our time, our thoughts, and our very lives.

Is His Kingdom worth giving up sleep to spend time with the King each morning?

Is it worth turning off the television to read His Word to your children?

Is it worth more than seeing them excel in sports or dance?

Is God your heart's first desire, or your seventh, or your thirtieth?

Beloved, my toes are throbbing too, but the question still stands: what is God worth to you?

God cannot be priced. He cannot be bought or sold. The very thought of attaching a number to His worth feels out of place, because the entire universe and existence itself belong to Him. He created it, He sustains it, and He has it all planned out for it. All that we see and all that exists belongs to God. As a matter of fact, all that will also come into existence will also belong to God as His creation. There is no market that could purchase what He owns, no price that could ever measure His worth. His worth is 100% plus 7 times 77 of everything that ever has been, is now, and ever will be.

Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the Word. Let us hold fast to who we are in Christ and let us never grow stingy toward the God who has given us everything.

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