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HOW MUCH IS GOD WORTH?

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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,

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and a divided heart will always be unstable. That is why Christ said, “No man can serve two masters” (**Matthew 6:24**). (Study 41, 49)

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

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cannot balance holiness with rebellion. To be chosen means you are set apart, and that separation will cost you. (Study 49) 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. (Study 48)

I did not go into all the details back then, because the details are already found throughout the entirety of the salvation series studies I have put together. 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 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. (Study 41)

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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 (body), 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. (Study 48, 49)

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 ([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?

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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.

As I considered and reread this letter (yes, this is a revision), another truth came to mind: our identity in Christ. Scripture says, “**For ye are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God**” (**Colossians 3:3**) and “**If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new**” (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). Even with all these promises, many of us still battle what can only be described as spiritual amnesia. We lose sight of what God has already revealed and even forget the harmful things He once exposed and helped us remove from our lives. Yet, with the passing of months or even years, those very same things often creep back in. The flesh begins to whisper that they were never really that wrong, or perhaps not so bad after all, only for us to find ourselves tested once again. (Study 41, 49)

This brings to my mind another question: what are we truly filling our temple with?

Is it cluttered with the worries and works of this world, while only slightly decorated with a “church” table in the corner?

God has called us to be wholly His dwelling place, not a divided house where His presence is crowded out by worldly distractions.

Why does this happen? It is because the enemy never quits. He will return to see if the house is still swept and filled (**Matthew 12:43–45**). It is because our flesh tends to look back, like Lot’s wife, instead of pressing forward (**Luke 17:32; Philippians 3:13–14**). And it is because when we lose sight of our identity in Christ, we leave cracks open where old habits and sins can slip back in unnoticed.

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But deeper than that, this happens because of a lack of faith, and a lack of faith always leads to disobedience. Scripture tells us that “**whatsoever is not of faith is sin**” (**Romans 14:23**). To lose faith is to distrust God, and distrust produces rebellion. Disobedience is sin caused by yielding to self-will instead of surrendering to God’s will.

When we are disobedient, we no longer demonstrate love toward God, for “**If ye love me, keep my commandments**” (**John 14:15**). Faith and obedience cannot be separated; obedience proves our faith, and faith strengthens our obedience (Study 35).

The danger of disobedience is serious. God warns that sin hinders our prayers: “**If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me**” (**Psalms 66:18**). Isaiah says, “**Your iniquities have separated between you and your God**” (**Isaiah 59:2**). Even our worship becomes empty when we refuse obedience: “**He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination**” (**Proverbs 28:9**). Disobedience also brings the curse of separation from His favor (**Deuteronomy 11:28**) and places us under His wrath: “**Because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience**” (**Ephesians 5:6**).

Spiritual amnesia, then, is not only forgetting that we are temples of the living God, set apart for His service, but also forgetting that love, faith, and obedience are inseparable. Forgetting leads to “**compromise**”, compromise leads to disobedience, and disobedience brings separation and judgment. But remembering who we are in Christ and living by faith that produces obedience keeps us strong, keeps our prayers heard, and keeps our temple filled with His presence. (Study 35, 49, 50)

Study 41 reminds us that even those whom God used most, like Joseph, David, Moses, all endured rejection, isolation, and trials before stepping into their calling. Their seasons of loneliness were not punishment but preparation. The same is true for us. Study 48 and 49 warn us that many are attracted to Christ and His teachings, but only a few count the cost and remain when the road

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becomes narrow. Demas forsook Paul because he loved the world more (**2 Timothy 4:10**). Study 50 reminds us that true faith is always proven by involvement, service, and obedience. True discipleship costs everything. There is no such thing as seventy percent commitment with Christ.

So, I must ask you this: do you remember who you are in Christ each day? For when you truly know your identity in Him, the things that once bound you will lose their hold. You will recognize them for what they are; attempts of the enemy to steal, kill, and destroy. And when you walk in the truth of your identity, you will see them clearly and stand firm in the freedom Christ has already given you.

Beloved, rejection, loneliness, and breaking are not signs that God has abandoned you. They are the marks of being chosen. Diamonds are formed under pressure, gold refined by fire, grapes crushed before the wine flows. So, it is with the chosen of God. What feels like rejection is really protection. What looks like suffering is preparation. And what feels like loneliness is actually the closest companionship; for God Himself is walking with you. (Study 41, 48, 49, 50)

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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