
YOU ARE VALUABLE TO GOD



“What is the value of your soul to God? Could your worth be defined by an amount of money? God doesn’t abandon or forget even the small sparrow he has made. How then could he forget or abandon you? What about the seemingly minor issues of your life? Do they matter to God? Of course they do! So you never need to worry, for you are more valuable to God than anything else in this world.”

—Luke 12:6–7, TPT—

In this beautiful passage, Jesus makes the case for why you should not worry. His key argument is simply this: *You are valuable to God.*

Interestingly, Jesus asks five questions in this teaching. Let’s look at each question, one-by-one, and see the truths

He wants to drive home to our heart to help us live worry-free.

“What Is the Value of Your Soul to God?”

The only answer to this is simply the blood of Jesus. Only divine blood could save us. His blood *bought* us and *brought* us into His family! I don’t know if you have ever really thought about this, but *God doesn’t bleed*. In order for God to redeem us, He had to become one of us—human, vulnerable, *pierce-able*.

As Philippians chapter two powerfully reveals, Jesus Christ—King of the Universe, the uniquely beloved Son of God, His one and only—had to lower Himself and *reduce* Himself to become one of His own creation *in order to become pierce-able*.¹ He had to make Himself vulnerable so that He could be *nailed and wounded*...so that He could *bleed* for you and me. That, friend, is how valued you are in God’s heart. Never doubt it.

“Could Your Worth Be Defined by an Amount of Money?”

The answer is obvious: No, because now we are God’s children. Christ’s blood made us family. And just as we as earthly parents could never imagine putting a monetary value on our own children, how much more is this true of Father God! To Him, we are *priceless*.

“How Then Could He Forget or Abandon You?”

God can't forget or abandon us *because He can't forget His own children*. It is literally impossible, and here's why:

“But Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.’ ‘Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.’”

— ISAIAH 49:14–16, NIV

What a beautiful Scripture and astounding promise! God is not playing games with our emotions or with our trust. In this passage, God's children are in a difficult place just as we, too, often find ourselves in life. They cried out in their pain and fear, saying, “God has forsaken and forgotten me!”

Have you ever been there? I know I have. But God's beautiful response to them and to us is this: “I could never forget My own children! You are engraved on my palms, and your walls are always My focus.” Walls speak of safety. They surrounded a city as a barrier from enemy onslaught. God says to you, “My darling, your safety is My priority. You are the center of My focus, the apple of My eye!”

We are engraved on God's hands. Ultimately, this was fulfilled in Jesus' own pierced hands. The invulnerable God became vulnerable. The impenetrable God became penetrated by spear and nails, and now, eternally, His love for you is memorialized on His own hands. Hands speak of strength, protection, power, action, blessings, and provision. The hand of God Almighty is upon you, under you, holding you, and covering you. You are held by love, eternally.

"What About the Seemingly Minor Issues of Your Life?"

This question is referring to the "small stuff." So...

"Do They Matter to God?"

Believe it or not, they most certainly do, and the way Jesus illustrated this fact is by using an example from His creation, the sparrow. Sparrows, in biblical times, were somewhat despised. They had little worth and were seen as annoying.

Sparrows are not melodious, beautiful, or useful, and yet God meets their every need. They sing in every season (the pleasant spring as well as the harsh winter), and they fly completely carefree. God will not abandon or forget even the smallest and most worthless of creatures, so *how much more does He care for you?* It is really important to

Jesus that you know how very, very valuable you are to God and that you live as “free as a bird” in His loving care.

Let's Pray!

Father, I receive the truth that I am valuable to You. You paid the highest price to redeem me and bring me into Your embrace, and I am so grateful. Help me to live carefree and worry-free in Your boundless love. Amen.

War Declaration:

I am more valuable to God than anything else in the world!

60-Second Challenge

What “small stuff” type of problem came to your mind as you read this chapter? It is time to bring that to Jesus, too. Go ahead, tell Him all about your itty-bitty, teensy-weensy, doesn't-amount-to-a-hill-a-beans problem. Maybe it's your dying azaleas, your graying hair, your noisy neighbor, your spouse's snoring, your 5-pound holiday weight gain, your misplaced shoe, etc. etc. etc. Let it go and give it to your heavenly Father. You will feel His care and delight, guaranteed.

1. “He existed in the form of God, yet he gave no thought to seizing equality with God as his supreme prize. Instead he emptied himself of his outward glory by reducing himself to the form of a lowly servant. He became human! He humbled himself and became vulnerable...” (Philippians 2:6-8, TPT)