

Five Priceless Treasures

Hymn: 1024

Scripture Reading: 1 Pet. 1:4, 7, 18-19; 2 Pet. 1:1, 4

I. The Value of Human Life:

- A. “Whereas you do not know the matter of tomorrow, what your life will be; for you are a vapor, which appears for a while and then disappears” —James 4:14.
- B. “no one's life is in the abundance of his possessions.” —Luke 12:15.
- C. “Unto an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and unfading,...for you” —1 Pet. 1:3-4.
- D. “Men of low degree are but a vapor; Man of high degree, a lie. In the balance they go up; Together they are less than a vapor.” —Psalms 62:9.
- E. “redeemed from your vain manner of life” —1 Pet. 1:18.
- F. “What is the son of man...You...have crowned Him with honor (value)” —Psa. 8:5; Rom. 10:21.
- G. “You have been weighed in the scales and found to be lacking” —Dan. 5:27.

II. Five Priceless Treasures:

- A. Precious living stone—Christ:
 - 1 Chosen— “Coming to Him, a living stone, ...with God chosen *and* precious” —1 Pet. 2:4.
 - 2 Died— “To you therefore who believe is the preciousness; ...The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner...” —1 Pet. 2:7; 1 Cor. 1:23.
 - 3 Resurrected— “ This is from Jehovah; It is wonderful in our sight. This is the day that Jehovah has made; Let us exult and rejoice in it.” —Psa. 118:23-24.

- 4 Ascended— “Behold, I lay in Zion a cornerstone, chosen *and* precious; and he who believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame.” —1 Pet. 2:6.
- B. Precious blood:
 - 1 “You were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers” —1 Pet.1:18b.
 - 2 “*It was* not with corruptible things, with silver or gold” —1 Pet. 1:18a.
 - 3 “But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, *the blood* of Christ” —1 Pet. 1:19.
 - C. Precious promises:

“He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises” —2 Pet. 1:4.

 - 1 He who believes into Him has the eternal life—John 3:16.
 - 2 He who believes into Him out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water—John 7:38.
 - 3 He who believes into Him shall by no means perish forever and not be snatched out—John 10:28.
 - 4 He shall be with His believers forever—John 14:16.
 - 5 He who believes into Him partakes of God's divine life—2 Pet 1:4.
 - D. Precious faith:

“Those who have been allotted faith equally precious as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ” —2 Pet. 1:1.
 - E. Precious Proving:

“The proving of your faith, much more precious than of gold which perishes though it is proved by fire” —1 Pet. 1:7.