

Precious Things
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To the life of David, and we're just finishing up 1 Samuel and there's a lot of wonderful things to actually go through that, and the depth, the life of David. And so of course, 1 Samuel was mostly about when David was young before he was king with Saul pursuing him pretty relentlessly to kill him. And there's so much treasure to be going in there. That's rough, I mean sure, but gosh you just see guys in mercy and faithfulness. You see how even David as a young man, David's called a man after God's own heart and that certainly wasn't because he was a good guy in the natural; not any better than any one of us, or any worse actually. But when you think of David's life, and why was that? He had that heart, and so all of us God had given us a heart to hear this particular message to be here tonight, or if you're listening online or whenever people listen to this.

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It's wonderful, but the Lord put it on my heart, if you want to turn to First Samuel Chapter Twenty-six, and we're going to use verse twenty-one and launch this study, and I'll get to the topic here in a minute, but First Samuel twenty-six, verse twenty-one, and this is when Saul has been pursuing David for quite some time. Saul doesn't have a whole lot of life left at this point, but he says in verse twenty-one, then said Saul. This is speaking to David, I have sinned. Return, my son David for I will no more do thee harm because my soul was precious in thy sight in thine eyes this day, behold I have played the fool and erred exceedingly. Now, that's a pretty heartfelt when you think about it. What we're going to talk about to kind of hone in on it, that word precious; call us precious things, things that are precious in the word of God, and as we bring this, we'll bring this eventually full circle through the study, but this particular one here. If you look at the verse right before it, go back up to verse twenty, this is David speaking. David was always wondering, whenever Saul would pursue him and try to kill him, it really wasn't really for any reason, like David wasn't trying to kill him, or trying to do bad things.

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Saul was very jealous; very insecure. That was basically it, he was even as a threat in a lot of ways, but you kind of think about David was kind of hated without a cause in a way. He really didn't provoke Saul except David just being who he was in the Lord, and Saul had a big problem with that spiritually speaking. So, he had to David. But backing up to verse twenty David says, now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD. See, he brings the Lord into that doesn't he? For the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains. Now this really struck me. So yes, Saul was the king of all Israel at this time. David was still a youth probable to his young mid-twenties at this time, but you think about this. He first said the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea; and you think about flea; very insignificant tiny little thing. They can be super annoying, yes but small. So, you think what David is

basically saying, the king of Israel versus he giving help like a flea, insignificant pretty much compared to Saul. That's one thing to notice. The other thing he says, are and as one when one hunt a partridge in the mountains. 04:09

And I remember I studied this out a little bit because I like to know what's really behind this, what's really the significance because I believe everything in here is significant on some level. So, if use anything up against the partridge, when partridges were hunted, they were basically chased until they got too tired to keep running. So, think about David's life just constantly being hunted, hunted down. I'm sure he was more than exhausted more than once probably, so this is how he was speaking to Saul; you, the king, I'm a flea, and I just been hunted for so long I'm; he's getting pretty much exhausted, and I think sometimes we can think of our lives in different ways similar to this. You think wow, you know sometime people's situations will happen or come against us in our life kind of without a cause. I'm just tired, or I'm insignificant, why isn't it this happening? Well, God knows. As we know in David's life, everything is for a purpose. Just like in your life, everything's for a purpose, but you think about this, that word precious that we're going to home in just a little background there, precious thinking about this. That word precious here it means to be heavy, valuable, to make rare, or be prized, so that's definitely something to think about here. 05:42

Now, you think about in the natural what we call commodities which might be like grain or something that's bought and sold; has a value, so when you think about something, what makes things valuable, or precious you can say since that's part of the definition of it? Scarcity and desirability, so the scarcer something is in a sense is the more valuable it is, but there's also go to be a demand or a desire for it. If you have a little of something but it's not really desired, and it's really not as valuable as something, at the same time if you have a lot of something, sometimes it's kind of, is it really as valuable? So, when I think about this word precious, a lot of times we'll talk about saints of like precious faith. So, faith, you know what that is right? But like precious faith there's a certain type, there's a kind that well basically Galatians 2:20, it's actually the faith of Jesus Christ that we'll have, but that's valuable faith because that's what will allow you to fully believe that not just you can be, but you are the wife of the Lamb. You have to believe that, and it's not again because of something you're doing except just yielding to the Lord. I guess if there's an actual it's yielding, loving, apprehending grace. I love that. 07:20

You know we think, there in Philippians Chapter Three where it talks about Paul is saying I'm apprehending that which is already apprehended me. So, that's already done, we just receive it. It seems simple, and it actually is simple. I like it when you really drill down to things, God keeps pretty simple, and I'm certainly thankful for that we all have enough complicated things going on probably. Simple, just keep it simple; well, it is, it's just believing. I'm sure the enemy will try to attack that believing everything, but God's far greater. He already has you set on the path that you're to be on, so we just walk in it; we just walk forward. So. you kind of think about this, but thinking about this heavy valuable, to make rare, to be prized let's go to 2 Corinthians 4:17 and we'll read a little bit about

this, particularly about to be heavy, heavy and valuable. 2 Corinthians let's see here, four-seventeen. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 08:57

He calls it a light affliction if that's in comparison. Afflictions can be heavy in of themselves for sure. You have manifold temptations, you have a lot of different things, but in comparison to that weight of glory, very light. You know, here the burden is light, we give it to the Lord. I like to do that. I don't really want this anymore; like okay. I can handle it, yeah He sure can. Usually, I have to get to the point I can't handle it, and I come to the end of my rope and I'm about ready to hang myself from it, and okay I give up. Thank You. I make sure and say thank You because now I can do something here on your behalf. So thankful for that though, but this light affliction as the eternal weight of glory there's immense value in that. And you think about this, how rare is it that saints know what we know? Extremely rare. And you know saints, it's not that God withholds from anyone, He does not, but you know you got to use the heart again, He knows He's drawn us here to this message, to this meeting. I'm confident the people that are gathered together here tonight, some have probably grown up in this church, in fact I know some of you have, but some of us came from pretty far away. Actually, and the thing is whether you grew up here or came from other I'll call it religions, backgrounds, countries, whatever it might be, the thing is the Lord still grown us up here and is continuing to. 10:37

He counts it, it's already done in His eyes in a way, but we're enjoying this journey of receiving from Him the grace, the mercy, thanking Him, you know loving God our Father, and in love with Jesus as our bridegroom, giving thanks and praise in the Holy Spirit; all of that so wonderful when we can do this. But you think about of all of this again, this weight of glory is very amazing, but again it's scarce, but highly desirable. You have to have a desire in your heart, but again God puts it there; nothing you can do except just receive it and grow in it. 11:21

Let's go over to Second Peter Chapter One, and we'll read a little bit more here. 2 Peter 1:2-4. This is very encouraging. Peter in his second letter says grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According to the divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises. Thank You Jesus. That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. You know, God does make a way of escape. We're in this world and all its trappings show up, but God's made a way of escape. He's given to us exceeding great and precious promises weighty, valuable, desirable; all of that. Not every promise in this word is for us; not at all. Be careful of that, that's why it talks about rightly dividing the word of truth. There are promises to Israel in here, there's promises to various groups of people, but the thing is His great and precious promises are from the high calling are for us, and we

know what they are because we know because God made us to know, and we can be thankful and rejoice in that. 13:01

So, I was thinking what this word precious, is, if you have physical Strongs book which I have, that also if you have an online like a Blue Letter Bible, e-Sword, something like that, you can look up any word in there; precious; it occurs quite a few times, and it actually describes a lot of different things. Sometimes it's used on its own like right here, it was precious promises, there's a couple of particular things that it describes, and I wanted to look in a few scriptures on. One of them is precious stones. 13:35

Now, those precious stones are precious jewels, very similar, but I think the Lord wanted just to just kind of hone in on the precious stones. So, let's go back to Second Chronicles Chapter Three. Take a look at this, this is when Solomon was building the temple. Second Chronicles Three in verse six will be what we'll read. I was thinking back with Solomon's temple, all the materials for the temple were brought from pretty far away, actually across an ocean; the timbers, the trees, the stones, and everything was cut and prepared. So, it just showed up at the building's site, and it was all done. So, when you think about its kind of like well as we'll read here in a minute, I'm sort of getting ahead of myself, but anyway we're a building where a family where the household of God, and everything's already prepared. God's preparing us, and again as He sees it, it's already done. But that building, well, think of this holy city, New Jerusalem; it's built, it's there, but even in the natural when Solomon had the builders build that temple, things came prepared. I think that's very sweet. I also think that I remember reading about how all the stones were so finely cut and everything you can't see a seam in that building. That's incredible, that's amazing, that's an incredible human skill in a sense to do that? but you know God was behind all that. 15:14

Who gives us skill? God. He's built things in each of us. I think that's so sweet because you know this family of God, this building of God there's really in the truth and love no schism, no cracks, no chinks there. Many things to think about when we read this word and just apply it to our life in Christ, how God has magnificently created us. So, back to 2nd Chronicles 3:6. It says that he garnished the house; it's the temple in the natural with precious stones for beauty. How about that, precious stones for beauty, and the gold was the gold of Parvaim. So, this house here was Solomon's temple, and again thinking on the spiritual the household is the household of God of the family of God. These stones were precious stones, these word precious here means weighty, glorious, splendid, and costly. And again, we think about the stones, they were probably a very good material, but also there was a cost in time and everything to bring them from far away especially way back then, they didn't have some of the modern technology like we do, but they got them there. The same with the timber, the wood, and everything. 16:37

So, in 1 Peter 2:5 let's go back to Peter to first Peter to verse five it says, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual

sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. So, think about this here, this is with lively stones; this is speaking of us built as a spiritual house. We're acceptable to God through Jesus. Let's go down to verses nine and ten, but ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous; here is marvelous light, which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Think about how much mercy have we obtained. We've been given it, we've obtained it, it's wonderful. That word peculiar there, it means a purposed possession; a Lamb slain before the foundation of the world purchased you with His blood. Costly there, this was one human life. One human of how many billions, trillions, I don't even know many humans have been on the face of this earth over time, but a lot. This is one life; precious blood. 18:13

It could only be that blood. Only, it's desirable to us that received. When we look at that Cherubim on that mercy seat looking at that blood it's the most valuable thing because they know that's how they got there, they know that's what started everything; so thankful to Jesus for so many things. Uh, back to you, Second Chronicles there, that word garnish, this is a beautiful thing, it means to overlay, to expand an outlook, to shine and be bright, to enlighten eyes as to bend forward to gain a better view. This is the precious stones. So, when you think about that it was kind of like an outlook, where you could lean out and see things better. And I think about how God's, well by the Holy Spirit has enlightened our eyes of understanding, and don't you like sometimes in the natural when you really want to look at something you might like lean forward to really look at it. I think about in Song of Solomon where Solomon with the Shulamite was looking from behind that lattice just like the Lord does with us peering. You know, we do the saintly look, we want to lean forward to gaze upon Him just to, sometimes you just want to naturally get closer to Him. 19:45

Someday soon we'll be close, close, close to Him. But you think about this. As a bride of Christ, we press for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus; to press forward, press. That word beauty means an ornament, or a decoration, costly precious stones. They were an ornament, a decoration to something; they added to the beauty of it basically. Think about that. Now we have to go over of course to Revelation Chapter Twenty-one and read a little bit here. Revelation Twenty-one Verse Ten, this is John. He was carried away in the spirit; He carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Beautiful, and then if you hop over to Revelation Twenty-one and nineteen, I think it is, And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. And when it goes through each foundation it lists out whether those have spiritual meanings there. We're not going to go into that tonight, but you see again this is the holy city new Jerusalem. This is us. God's masterpiece, all finished and garnished, these beautiful stones, our lives in Christ. It's wonderful to think about all this. 21:46

Another thing that I want to touch on here having to do with the word that precious describes as precious ointment, we have to go back to Psalm One-thirty-three on this one. You're all familiar with that one, I'm sure. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It's like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down on the beard, even Aaron's beard that went down to the skirts of his garments. So, when you think about this precious ointment, precious here means prosperity, happiness, and benefit. Slightly different meanings here, but you know it's all beautiful in the context of this because we know this lonely together is settling down in marriage fellowship. So, this isn't like having an apartment neighbor or something. No, this is the husband and wife. How good, and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together to settle down in marriage fellowship, and there's unity in your house, and the unity of the Spirit, that bond of perfectness that we have in the Lord, we surely can be thankful for that.

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But that is like precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard; it's like an anointing in a sense. It's like that oil, except it started under Aaron, and Aaron was the high priest then. Since then, we have Jesus as our high priest for we dwell together in that unity; that marriage fellowship it's like an oil that covers Him, it runs all the way down. He's like saturated in it; such a beautiful thought, I would love to do that; we are that. That's the thing, that's the beautiful thing, it's a precious ointment, and again aren't we just tracing this back to our lives in Christ; what God has done for us, and in us in Jesus.

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Now, in the New Testament precious ointment I want to go to John Chapter Twelve, and this is the account of Mary who came in to anoint Jesus after Lazarus had been raised from the dead. This is also in Matthew and Mark, but John, the Lord put John on my heart here to kind of hone in on. John Chapter Twelve. Actually, the phrase precious ointment is in Matthew. Again, I'm just kind of going with God here. John Twelve, we'll start in verse one and read a few verses here. It says, then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they gave him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

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Now, other than natural I'm sure that was true because you can think of that, but you think about really in the spiritual just what Mary did out of love and care for Jesus, she was anointing Him for His burial actually. Very interesting to think about, isn't it? He had just raised Lazarus from the dead, but you think about this ointment, it's of spikenard. And you know that word spikenard it's wonderful. And the Lord took my heart here to Song Of Solomon One-twelve if you want to make a note of that. This is the Shulamite, she gives an expression of her deepest devotion to her beloved. Again, this is Song Of Solomon Chapter One, she says my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof. And spikenard is something that grows at very high altitude where not a lot of plants actually

grow, and when you think about those heights this is first love in the spiritual. Not a lot will grow there. You know, I've been up pretty up high on a few mountains, there gets to be less air up there. Let's talk about one of those adventures, I literally was blue in pictures. And like yeah, I wasn't breathing, not very well anyway. You get up there it's a sure loss of breath. 26:18

But you think about in the spiritual here this is the high place, this is the first love, but the thing is we breath in Him, and He gives us breath. He gives us this visual breath right now; thank You Jesus that you think about it, this place of complete adoration and praise. And with the Shulamite these were praises that just flowed through from her; it was a beautiful aroma. Our praises when we suffer together with Him and we praise Him, it's easy to praise Him when things are going well as we count it. Sometimes maybe not so easy when you're not, but that's the victory of an overcomer. We can say well Lord, Romans 8:28, everything's working together for my good, it doesn't matter how I look at it right now, it doesn't matter how I feel about it right now because you might feel pretty bad about it, and it might look pretty bad, and sometimes it does but count God faithful. Has He ever not been to your life? No, I can't think of a time. Sometimes it might take a little while for you to see His faithfulness, but it's always there. It never fails, never. So, you think about some of this; beautiful, wonderful. 27:34

Now this word spikenard, it means primarily to trust and thankfulness. It speaks of one that can be relied upon, and that would be Jesus, trust and holy fervor, born of faith and joins together with it. Fidelity, to persuade, to win one's favor, to seek to win one. To please, obey, and yield; that's a rich word right there, and again this is our lives in Christ. The Hebrew word for spikenard is running white. Now Jesus is the white, in Him is no darkness; 1 John 1:5. God said it and that settles it, right? So, as His bride we would live as one with Him and in perfect light, and nothing hidden; He'll reveal anything you want to know. He will reveal things about you that you need to know, that He already knows but you need to know. He'll reveal it. 28:39

Now this took place in Bethany. I think Bethany is very sweet. One of the meanings of it is the house of affliction; well, there you; the joint sufferings, but only in sufferings can the sweetest savor of the life of Christ be manifest in the believer. That's the sweetness that He's saying He got it; He got it you're going with it, you're believing Romans 8:28. It's wonderful. Bethany also means house of dates like a date psalm, you know, sweet dates. Dates are very, very good natural sugar; I love them, they're wonderful. The sweet dates speak to the reward of suffering. As we know our Lord and the power of His resurrection, the things we go through we know they're not from nothing, any pain, different things. They're all glorious, they're glorious in Him, and we know Him and the fellowship of His sufferings in the power of His resurrection. It's amazing for those of us that remain, are we going to be caught up together with the Lord? 29:50

We're just going to go in the twinkling of an eye; I pray it's tonight just because I want to see Him, not because I want to get out of my life because I know every step is

divinely ordered, so if I'm here for another day, week? I'm not going to go past that day; I'll stop there. He has steps ordered for me, that's okay. There might be some more suffering, there'll definitely be more joy I can guarantee you that because the joy of the Lord is our strength. It's always there, that's what gives us our strength. So, thankful to Jesus for all of this. 30:29

Let's go over to Proverbs Twenty-four. Go back to Proverbs written by David's son Solomon. This is a very sweet portion to me, I spent a pretty good amount of time in here. I want to keep hustling along here. Always start with so much more; praise the Lord, and He'll turn it down here for us. Proverbs 24:3-4. Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established, and by knowledge it shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. And there is just an eternity in those two verses pretty much, but we'll try to keep it brief for this evening, keep the high points here. So, we see first a house is built and then established in verse three, and it's built through wisdom. Wisdom means dexterity, and the skill of an artisan; that's how that word wisdom is described in the Hebrew; that's how the house is built. And again, this house spiritually speaking is speaking of the household of God; It's a family. Through Jesus God built His house, His family, that's how we were built. It's God's family, and you think about there cannot be an artist or an artisan with more dexterity, and ability, and creating a masterpiece in God through Jesus. There could not be. It's amazing. 32:10

Now, it's by understanding that the house is established. So, you first build something, then you establish it okay? That understanding is basically intelligence. Establish means to be prepared and made ready, so there we go. Okay, this is how you're established. And again, this is not man's intelligence we're speaking of here, but knowledge in the very heart of God. And for us, the knowledge being parted through; the Apostle Paul in the high calling specifically. And we'll see as we get into it in the next chamber coming okay, but this is to grow us up to marry Jesus. We have to know our calling, and understand the difference between loving Jesus, and being in love with Jesus. Paul wavers, love Jesus; I do. You know, when we start out when we're first saved, you love Jesus, but then by God's grace you start falling in love with Jesus. You can love several people, but you're only in love with one: your spouse. The difference even in the natural is how God is set things up. 33:18

When you think about this, and how precious it is. I'm going to flip back here real quick; Proverbs Two, verses one through six says, My Son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee, so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding. Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding, if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures. See all the parallels here? Then shalt thou understand the fear; that's the reverence of the Lord of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. See, the word will always conform itself, and there's a lot about wisdom,

knowledge, and understanding in the Proverbs, a lot, but just highlighting a few things here. 34:19

So, back to Proverbs Twenty-four now. Then we have chambers within the house in verse four. And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Chambers, inner rooms or apartments; inward parts as a bed chamber. So, this is an intimate part, okay? again as husband and wife speak here it's a place of intimacy. It's by knowledge that these chambers will be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. And you think about this knowledge, the is the knowledge that you have with the enlightened eyes of understanding of the Holy Ghost. It takes the things of Christ and makes them personal. That's the beautiful thing when you get filled with the Holy Ghost. All of a sudden, all that treasure's opened up. It's like you've read it, but you never read it. At least that's the way I felt when I read the bible for a lot of years before I got filled; it was a whole new thing. After that, the treasures, the riches, the immensity of the love that God, I knew that God had for me personally, and He has for each one of you; just beautiful. 35:33

Colossians, let's go over to Colossians Chapter One, we'll pick it up in verse nine here. Paul writing to the saints says, for this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. There we go, patience and long suffering with joyfulness. Remember, we got to finish with a full joy. That's it, giving thanks into the Father which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. See, it's already done. It says He has already done that, so there're right. Partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; praise God. Well, thank You Jesus. 36:53

Alright, let's go back to Isaiah. Our bibles are getting a workout tonight, that's good. Isaiah, we go all over the place, it's funny how you can just start somewhere, and go everywhere. It's a wonderful journey, Isaiah Forty-three, let's find this here. And as always, we're just barely scratching the surface on this, I always hope you know whether it's my class on Sunday, or speaking here and He's just talking to someone, I always hope it's kind of just like a primer. The Holy Spirit I'm confident can quicken your heart you know to look into certain things. I know He always does mine when I hear someone, I say oh wow. Here comes the Holy Spirit, it's like encouraging me personally in something. 37:43

Isaiah Forty-three, verse four. Now, this is the Lord speaking to Israel. But again, we'll parallel here, Israel'll be the wife of God the Father, we're the wife of Jesus His son, but there are still parallels. Verse four. Since thou wast precious in My sight thou hast been honorable, and I have loved thee: therefore, will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. The thing that struck me about this that I really apply I believe the Lord had me

through this. Israel has not been a faithful wife; it's not, but she will be restored to God as a faithful wife. God has been faithful though, that's His faithfulness. When we think of our lives the word says yea, when we abide not faithful God does abide faithful; He always does. Someone like Israel, wife of God the Father, with us, our lives, we just count God faithful. I know I'm not. I don't try to be unfaithful seeming onery that way, but I'm not, I'm just not, but He is. That why we don't go into commendation about things, we just say thank You Lord that You're faithful; You are going to work it out. 39:08

I'm not even going to try to work it out; just not. But this is how God does it. And again, God notes here, therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. Now, you think about this, if we really think back past time for all of the history here written is for us, just coming forward think of all the cities, all the things that God has given, destroyed whatever you want to call it, God has done for us at this very time. He gave a life of His Son particularly, but when you think about here, when it says therefore, I give men for thee, and people for thy life there's a lot of sacrifice; there's a lot of things and again going back to that scarcity and that desirability it's woven all throughout here. Something I'll never forget after this study because it's just like in my heart now, and I hope it will be in yours too. But basically, in Jesus God's given us everything. We who are nothing without Jesus, we have everything in Jesus. That gutter most to the uttermost completely in every way we can imagine, and probably ways we can't. 40:28

So, in closing we got to go to Psalm 139. Our Lord, through our pastor just gave us a wonderful, wonderful Wednesday night study on this, but when I was thinking about when I was in First Samuel Twenty-six, and that word precious, so you know I looked it up because I told you the definition already in Hebrew, and Psalm One Thirty-nine, verse seventeen David writes, how precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! That's exactly the same word in First Samuel Twenty-six. But Saul admitted David counted his soul precious, and you think about Saul's life again, Saul knew he was hunting David down; he knew he was wicked and doing that and everything. He was just yielding to the flesh all the time. But you think about the contrast here, how precious also are thy thoughts to me Oh God. We can say that. That word precious again, God's thoughts towards us are weighty and immense. He created all things out of His desire for His Son to have a wife. 41:46

You know, sometimes I look at we've got some nice trees in the back yard, or anything I try to look at and I think this was created for me. Even the smallest thing, it's immense just to admire God's handiwork that when I think of all of creation that's waiting; that's heavy, that's wonderful. But when we circle back here Psalmist David saw his soul as precious, and just the depth of that contrasting between what David wrote here and that? The backdrop of Saul's relentless pursuit of David due to jealousy and insecurity, against this one sentence acknowledging the truth. Praise God, thank You Jesus. 42:34

So. let's close this here; First Peter. We've been in Peter a little bit tonight, and it's a good thing. First Peter, Peter came away, didn't he in the Lord. Think of that life, my goodness. I think of myself many times, oh Lord I would never; never say never. First Peter One, and we'll read six through nine. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations, that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ, Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. There's a song, hallelujah. Receiving the end or, the perfecting, the completing of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. And that salvation is salvation with eternal glory, we know that, amen? I hope this has been a blessing tonight saints. I know it certainly was needful for my heart in life. Let's stand and be dismissed.

44:26