

Jesus told the Jews sitting on the mount, Mat 6:21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

2Sa 24:21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be held back from the people." (22) And Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. (23) "Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." (24) However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

David valued the Lord and he
wanted the Lord God to recognize
that David valued his God

Have you thought about the value
of life to an atheist?

What value can there be if we are
just a random chance from the
swirling dust, a pool of water and a
lightening strike?

PETA (people for the ethical treatment of animals) often demonstrate in front of MacDonalds to protest the use of animals for food.

If we are nothing more than a random accident in the Universe, how can we say that we have rights above those of other animals?

Richard Dawkins, the famous atheist and evolutionary biologist, writes, “The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference.”

But even Dawkins believes that “You can have a very happy and fulfilled personal life even if you think that the universe at large is a tale told by an idiot.”

Why should we value?
How can we assign value?

What value do you place on these things?

How much do you spend on them?

Time

Money

God

Parents

Children

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Several years ago I preached a funeral at the invitation of a Christian from another city. The rest of the family were devout atheists. Her husband's brother and his wife, both atheists, had lost their youngest child.

Their little boy had been following his older brother and ran into the street and was killed as a car hit him.

At the funeral, I told them their little boy was worth more than the rocks on the gravel drive outside their home. God created him just as He created the rocks, but He gave him to them to love.

Here was the lifeless body of a dear child whose mother and father deemed to have ceased to exist. They did not want a funeral based on God with a great deal of prayer or talk about the hereafter. They didn't believe in the hereafter.

That child and every child has been
given to someone to love.

Whether we or they will find value
in the experience depends on us or
them.

“What would life be like if we, at our most fundamental levels, do not think life is valuable? Why do we fight for human rights? Why is it our tendency to elevate the value of animal life to be equal with humanity instead of devaluing humanity to be equal with animal life? If naturalism is true there is no rational judgment for thinking the cloud of atoms making up a person is more or less valuable than a cloud of atoms making up the rock the person may be sitting on.”

If we are but a cloud of atoms with
no purpose and no value, why
should we mourn the passing of
another, whether that loved one is
a worm, a dog, a cat, a diamond or
Grandma!

Of what value is your “Christian faith”?

Psa 73:28 But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Thy works.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense
of my life; Whom shall I dread?

Isa 12:2 "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation." (3) Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of salvation. (4) And in that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; Make them remember that His name is exalted." (5) Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things; Let this be known throughout the earth. (6) Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Rev 17:14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

Do you count yourself among the chosen and faithful?

Do value the things He values and at the same level?

Your God tells you to value your parents, if you want God to value you.

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (2) HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), (3) THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

Your God tells you to value your husband/wife,
even as you value yourself

Eph 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ,
so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in
everything. (25) Husbands, love your wives, just
as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself
up for her... (28) So husbands ought also to love
their own wives as their own bodies. He who
loves his own wife loves himself; (29) for no one
ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and
cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,

Your God values His church, even as you and your loved ones should value the church.

Act 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; (24) and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, (25) not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near. (26) For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Although your God wants you to work at your job as you would work for Him, do not think that your job defines who you are.

Eph 6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. (6)

Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

Mat 6:25-30 ... Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith?"

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Your God values your life, even as you and your loved ones value your life.

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Rev 17:14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

Do you count yourself among the chosen and faithful?

Act 26:26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. (27) King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. (28) Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. (29) And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

If you value your God as He values
you, will you obey his will?

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is
baptized shall be saved; but he that
believeth not shall be damned.