**SERMON OUTLINE**

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| **SERMON TITLE:** | The Value of a Soul |
| **SERMON REFERENCE:** | Mark 8:35-38 |
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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. The human soul is of infinite worth.
	2. Our souls will be in existence somewhere even when this world is turned to dust.
		1. Our souls will go on - endless, dateless, timeless, and measureless.
	3. Our souls are worth more than all of the riches this world has to offer.
	4. Our bodies may die; but our souls, which are wed to our spirits inseparably, will never cease to exist.
		1. The human soul can no more cease to exist than God Himself could cease to exist because we are made in the image of God.
	5. In the truest sense, we do not have a soul; we are a soul.
		1. We live in a body.
		2. 2 Corinthians 5:1
			1. The Bible calls our bodies an “earthly house.”
	6. Genesis 1:26-27
		1. We are the only part of creation that is made in God’s image.
		2. This makes us uniquely distinct from all other creatures and the rest of creation.
	7. Many of us pamper our bodies and neglect the soul.
	8. Mark 8:35-38
		1. Jesus taught that it is a bad bargain if a man were to exchange his soul for the world.
	9. We need to recognize the value of our souls.
2. THE FABULOUS TREASURE
	1. Your human soul is a fabulous treasure.
	2. There are five things that make our souls so valuable:
		1. Creativity
			1. The identity of the creator adds to the creation’s worth.
			2. God created the human soul.
				1. Genesis 2:7
				2. Ephesians 2:10
			3. We are the crowning work of Almighty God.
				1. We are the last creative masterpiece of Almighty God.
		2. Potentiality
			1. A soul is worth much not only because of what it is, but also because of what it can be.
				1. We, one day, can be transformed into the likeness of Christ.
			2. Each of us is not one but three:
				1. The person you are now.
				2. The person you will become if we stay on the course you are on.
				3. The person you can be if you give your heart to Jesus Christ

Romans 8:29

* + 1. Durability
			1. How long something will last.
			2. Something that is not going to last very long, obviously does not have as much value as something that will last longer.
			3. Our souls will be in existence, either in Heaven or in Hell, when the sun, moon and stars have grown cold.
				1. Our souls will never cease to exist.
				2. Our souls will exist for eternity, either in Heaven or in Hell.
			4. Daniel 12:2
				1. Our souls will have everlasting life or everlasting shame and contempt.
		2. Rarity
			1. The more rare a thing is, the more valuable it is.
			2. Our souls are absolutely unique and rare.
				1. God made us unique.

There is no one else like you.

God never makes copies.

* + - 1. There will never be another you.
		1. Desirability
			1. What something is worth is determined by what someone will pay for it.
			2. If you want to know how much you’re worth, go to bloody Calvary and see the Lord Jesus dying in agony and blood upon that cross.
				1. 1 Peter 1:18-19
			3. Jesus Christ wants your soul and He paid that price for you.
				1. That is how desirable you are to Him.
1. A FOOLISH TRANSACTION (Mark 8:36-37)
	1. We have a fabulous treasure in our souls.
	2. It is a foolish transaction to try to bargain away our souls in the vain hope of gaining the world.
	3. Three reasons why this is a bad bargain:
		1. Nobody gains the whole world.
			1. Not one person has ever gained this world.
			2. Judas sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.
				1. It is amazing how cheaply some people will try to bargain away their souls for this world.
		2. The part of the world we gain, we can’t keep.
			1. Time and decay will take away our treasures and disintegrate them.
		3. The world will never satisfy us.
			1. If we could gain the world and if we could keep it, the world would never satisfy us.
			2. We were made for God.
			3. God made us to know Him, to love Him and to satisfy Him.
				1. Pleasures cannot satisfy.
				2. Possessions cannot satisfy.
				3. Philosophy cannot satisfy.
			4. Our element is God; if we do not know Him, then we will be like a round peg in a square hole.
			5. Acts 17:28
	4. To lose your soul would be a tragic loss:
		1. It is an irreversible loss.
			1. There is a great gulf fixed between Heaven and Hell; you cannot step out of Hell and into Heaven.
			2. It will be too late when you come to the judgment to plead for mercy.
				1. Want mercy? You may have it; but you must have it in this lifetime.
			3. Hebrews 9:27
			4. Ezekiel 18:4
		2. It is an immeasurable loss.
			1. All the wealth of the world cannot compare to the value of your soul.
		3. It is an irreplaceable loss.
			1. If you lose other things, you can replace them; but you cannot replace your soul.
			2. There is no substitute for your soul.
		4. It is an inexcusable loss.
			1. You don’t have to lose your soul.
			2. There is no reason that you should go to Hell; Jesus paid the price.
	5. Many are engaged in bargaining away their souls for pieces of this world, and they’re not even gaining the pleasures of this world.
2. A FATAL TRAGEDY (Mark 8:36)
	1. In this passage in Mark, the man loses his soul.
	2. The devil wants you to lose your soul.
	3. Some people play very carelessly with their souls.
		1. Many people sit in churches, haughty, unbroken, unbowed, unbent, and their eternal destiny is at hand.
3. CONCLUSION
	1. There is only one move you can make to save your soul, and that is to repent of your sins and give your heart to Jesus Christ.
		1. You do not have to go to Hell.
		2. Give your heart to the Lord Jesus today.
	2. Put your faith where God has put your sins - on the Lord Jesus.
	3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16