What Does the Bible Say about Your Soul- Part 1

[7] then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. — **Genesis 2:7**

and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. — **Ecclesiastes 12:7**

The oracle of the word of the LORD concerning Israel: Thus declares the LORD, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him — **Zechariah 12:1**

Ideas to carve: You are a soul, and you have a body.

Opening Illustration: World's most valuable art

1. Salvator Mundi (Savior of the World), attributed to Leonardo da Vinci.- SOLD (at auction) NOVEMBER 15, 2017 for $450.3 million.

2. "Interchange" an oil painting from 1955 by Willem De Cooning SOLD (private sale) 2015 $300 million.

3. **You Soul...what is it worth?**

4. [36] For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? [37] For what can a man give in return for his soul?[1] — **Mark 8:36-37**

BIG IDEA: THE VALUE OF THE SOUL

I. The artwork is valuable because of the artist.
   a. Where does the soul come from?
      i. Directly from God (**GENESIS 2:7**)
      ii. The soul is precious because only God can give it.
   b. Your soul is of the greatest value.
      i. Since your soul comes from God, we MUST conclude that it is wonderfully made.
      ii. **It is special**.
      iii. **It has enormous capacity and capability**.

II. There are so many descriptors linked to the human soul.
   a. Wandering
   b. Weary
   c. Hungry
   d. Defeated

III. But what does the Bible say about your soul?

[1] *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Mk 8:36-37.

a. **Ecclesiastes 12:7** tells us that the body is going to die, but the soul is not.
b. **Zechariah 12:1** tells us that the spirit of man is "formed" by God.
    i. **There is nothing formed by God that is cheap or useless.**
    ii. **In fact, only the most precious things are formed by God.**
    iii. **You can always tell something's value by who wants it.**
        1. **Notice the devil was willing to trade all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would fall down and worship him.**
            a. This should tell us something of the value of the kingdoms of this world vs. the value of Jesus and worship.
            b. Notice that it is not money or fame that the devil wants from you. He wants your soul.
        2. **If we only knew the value of our soul, what would it do to the way we walk through this world.**

IV. Are you treating your soul as though it were bought with something precious?
a. **Illustration:** There was a little boy who went into a bookstore once. The store owner thought to himself when the little boy walked in that he looked awfully young to want to buy books, but what an awesome thing to see a young reader!
The little boy wandered around the shop, and he kept grabbing massive novels that were so heavy he struggled to put them back up on the shelf. The shopkeeper asked the little boy, "Son, can I help you find a certain book?"
The little boy replied, "Yes, sir. I want to buy a Bible."
"Well, that is a wonderful book to read." The shopkeeper responded.
The shopkeeper came from behind the old desk and walked past the boy, motioning for him to follow.
He handed the boy a brand new Bible, and he smiled. The shopkeeper said, "Son, I have to tell you that this Bible is new and a bit expensive."
The little boy pulled from his pocket a golden pocket watch. "Sir, this is the most precious thing I own. It belonged to my father, and he has died but left me his watch and a note that read... "The most precious gift in all the world was a father's gift to his son. Here is my gift to you, and you must read the Bible to find the second, even more precious gift of a father."
The shopkeeper wiped a tear from his eye and gave the little boy the Bible, and he said, "Son, your father was truly a wise and great man. You have been given one precious gift from your earthly father; treasure it. You have been given another from your heavenly father; never trade it for anything."
b. Precious things should be guarded, held close, and kept safe.

V.

The soul is not merely something we possess. In an important biblical sense, the soul describes who we are as living persons before God.

This is one of the **most debated** areas of Christian theology.