

## Precious Things

Matthew 26:6-11

### Precious Things – Matthew 26:7

- (KJV) *There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat [at meat].*
- (ASV) *there came unto him a woman having an alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment, and she poured it upon his head, as he sat at meat.*
- (NKJV) *a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured [it] on His head as He sat [at the table].*
- (ESV) *a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.*

### “Precious” Defined

**Vine** – Adjective – Costly, dear, very expensive (very costly), “of great value, exceeding precious”... in Matthew 26:7

**Strong** – # 926 used in Matthew 26:7 – *barutimos* – highly valuable: – very precious.

1. “Of high price or great value; very valuable or costly: precious metals
2. Highly esteemed for some spiritual, nonmaterial, or moral quality: precious memories
3. Dear; beloved: a precious child
4. Affectedly or excessively delicate, refined, or nice: precious manners” (Dictionary.com)

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- In our text, the monetary value of the ointment was considered “**very precious.**”
  - The disciples did not realize the precious service of the woman who anointed Jesus.
  - They were focused on the physical.
    - Like those Paul spoke of. 1 Corinthians 1:19-31
- In this lesson we will study some of the usages of this word in the scriptures.

**What is PRECIOUS To You?**

### The Word Of The Lord.

1 Samuel 3:1, “... **And the word of Jehovah was precious in those days; there was no frequent vision.**”

- God did not communicate much with Israel in the days of Eli’s wicked sons, which made God’s word **precious**.
- God’s **Word** is **precious** because IT ...

- Builds us up. Acts 20:32
- Produces faith. Romans 10:17
- Reconciles. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- Sanctifies and cleanses. Ephesians 5:26

- Begets. James 1:18
- Saves the soul. James 1:21
- Causes growth. 1 Peter 2:2

### The Seed, The Word Of God.

Psalms 126:6 (KJV), “**He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.**”

- Parable of the Sower.
  - “**Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.**” Luke 8:11, see verse 15
- This is the most precious seed known to man.
- It produces – Christians – Children of God.
  - 1 Peter 1:22-23, “**Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth.**”

## The Death Of His Saints

Psalms 116:15, ***“Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints.”***

- Saints are those sanctified by the word.  
1 Corinthians 1:2
- We must be ***“in Christ”*** to be precious when He comes.
  - Baptized into Christ. Galatians 3:26-27
  - Paul’s reason for rejoicing. 1 Thessalonians 2:19
  - We must abide in Him with confidence. 1 John 2:28
  - The faithful who die in the Lord are blessed.  
Revelation 14:13

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## Unity

Psalms 133:1-2, ***“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard; that came down upon the skirt of his garments.”***

- Unity is good and precious as opposed to division.
- Jesus prayed for unity in Truth. John 17:17, 20-21
- The apostles taught the need for unity and commanded it.
  - 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Peter 3:8
  - Romans 15:6; Philippians 1:27; 2:1-3

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## The Thoughts of God

Psalms 139:17, ***“How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!”***

- God’s thoughts are far above man’s thoughts, as the heavens are above the earth, and accomplish God’s intentions.
  - They do not return to God void. Isaiah 55:8-11

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## Wisdom

Proverbs 3:15, ***“She is more precious than rubies: And none of the things thou canst desire are to be compared unto her.”***

- Solomon is called the ***“wisdom writer.”***
  - Equipped with Godly wisdom. 1 Kings 3:9-12
  - Read and heed the book of Proverbs where the main topic is **wisdom**.
- Said Solomon ... ***“The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*** Proverbs 9:10
  - Wisdom excels. Ecclesiastes 2:11-13

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## A Good Name

Ecclesiastes 7:1, ***“A (good) name is better than precious oil.”***

- A good name is in reference to the character of one who is honorable, has moral and ethical qualities, and is respected by others.
  - Do you have a good character?
- One of the qualifications of an elder. 1 Timothy 3:7
- Proverbs 22:1, ***“A (good) name is rather to be chosen than great riches, (And) loving favor rather than silver and gold.”***
- How will your name be remembered?

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## Faith

2 Peter 1:1, ***“Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and (the) Saviour Jesus Christ”***

- This faith ...
  - Comes through the preaching of the Gospel.  
Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 15:11
  - Makes us recipients of God’s grace. Ephesians 1:7; 2:8
  - Frees us from fear of His wrath. Romans 1:16-18; 5:9
- Is your faith the ***“like precious faith”***?

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## Your Faith Proved By Trials

1 Peter 1:7, ***“that the proof of your faith, (being) more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ”***

- Will your faith stand the test when it is tried?
  - 1 Corinthians 3:13; James 1:2-4, 12; 1 Peter 4:12-13
- We are made perfect through trials and suffering.
  - Hebrews 5:8-9; Romans 8:17-18; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
- Consider the faithful proved by the trials of Hebrews 11 ...
  - Noah. Hebrews 11:7; cf. Genesis 6:8-22
  - Abraham. Hebrews 11:8-19; cf. Genesis 12:1-4; 22:1-12

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## Christ

Isaiah 28:16, ***“therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone) of sure foundation: he that believeth shall not be in haste.”***

- Peter spoke of Christ and quoted the words of Isaiah.
  - 1 Peter 2:4-7
- Most people do not consider Christ to be precious.
- Is Christ precious to you?
  - Are you His disciple?
  - Are you a member of the church He purchased with His ***“precious blood”***?

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## The Blood Of Christ

1 Peter 1:18-19, ***“knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, (even the blood) of Christ”***

- It took the precious **blood of Christ** to bring spiritual blessings ...
  - Remission of sins. Matthew 26:28
  - Justification. Romans 5:9
  - Redemption. Ephesians 1:7
  - Sanctification. Hebrews 13:12
  - Washing and cleansing of sin. Revelation 1:5; 1 John 1:7
  - Brings peace and makes one near. Colossians 1:20; Ephesians 2:13

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## The Promises Of God

2 Peter 1:4, ***“Whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises ...”***

- God keeps the promises He makes. Hebrews 10:26
- He promised eternal life to the obedient. Romans 2:6-7
- He promised punishment to the disobedient. Romans 2:8-9
- Paul assured us that God will keep His promises. Titus 1:1-2

***“And this is the promise which he promised us, (even) the life eternal.”*** 1 John 2:25

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**Are These Things PRECIOUS To You?**

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