

Understand Your Value

I. Introduction:

A. Job asked: “*What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him*” (**Job 7:17**)?

1. Psalmists asked the same question (**Psalms 8:4; 144:3**; cf. **Hebrews 2:6**).
2. The way people treat people can sometimes make one feel worthless (**Psalms 35:11-12**).

B. There are some Scriptures that could lead one to conclude that man is worthless if taken out of context (**Daniel 4:34-35**).

1. Out of context, one could cast down all nations (**Isaiah 40:15-17**).
2. One could misunderstand context and conclude that all men are an unclean thing and his righteousness is filthy rags (**Isaiah 64:1-12**).

II. Body: Think About “Ye Are Bought With A Price” (**I Corinthians 6:20; 7:23**).

A. Mankind in general are the offspring of God (**Acts 17:24-29**).

1. Made in His own image [likeness] (**Genesis 1:26-27**).
2. Mankind has not and will not live up to being after the image of God (**Deuteronomy 9:6-7, Ezekiel 12:2, II Timothy 3:1-5; 3:13**).
3. So, God planned and executed a plan to enable man to be in His likeness again (**I Peter 1:13-20**).

B. As we know and remember every first day of the week (**Acts 20:7** and **I Corinthians 11:23-33**), the price of our redemption was steep (**Mark 10:45** and **Hebrews 9:11-15**).

1. The just put to death for the unjust (**I Peter 3:18**).
2. Displaying the love of God clearly (**I John 3:16; 4:9-10**).
3. Even collectively, we have to think about our value to our Lord by the price paid (**Acts 20:28** and **Ephesians 5:25**).
4. Love enough to give man the power to choose (**John 1:11-12**).

C. Think about the word “redemption” (**Colossians 1:12-14**).

1. The Greek word [ἀπολύτρωσις] means: “1) a releasing effected by payment of ransom; 1a) redemption, deliverance; 1b) liberation procured by the payment of a ransom” (Thayer; Strong’s # 629).
2. Through His blood (**Ephesians 1:7**).

D. Now, by your choice and actions, you can become/remain the children of God (**II Corinthians 6:14-7:1**). *Give Him what He paid for!

1. That has an eternal meaning (**I John 3:1-3**).
2. An eternal inheritance (**Romans 8:17** and **Revelation 21:7**).

III. Conclusion: Look at God’s perceptive (**Psalms 147:10-11, Psalms 149:4, and Romans 1:7**).