

Precious Things

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Introduction

1. Deuteronomy 33:13-17
2. Moses is giving blessings on all the tribes of Israel, in this section Joseph is given his blessings.
3. Moses is not asking for just anything for the tribe of Joseph but the precious things.
4. What do we consider precious? Children, grandchildren, wife, mother, family heirloom?
5. What in the spiritual realm do we consider precious?
6. Peter gives us some things that ought to be precious to us, let us consider them:

II Introduction

1. Trials 1 Peter 1:7
 - a. This would compare our faith with pure gold
 - b. The price of gold is so much an ounce This was in 2009 \$847 then a pound is worth \$13, 552. 1/12/22 The price of gold is \$1,826.33 an ounce or \$29,221.28 a pound!
 - c. Your faith is tried by fire, the temptations are many and the test determines the character.
 - d. Faith is being tested so that in the end it will be worth the approval of Christ.
 - e. How much is your faith worth?
 - f. Is your faith being tested?
2. Blood of Christ 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - a. We were not and are not bought with gold or silver that perishes.
 - b. We are bought with the Lamb of God John 1:29, 36 who is without blemish and spot, so that we can be without blemish and spot Ephesians 5:27
 - c. How do we treat the blood of Christ? Hebrews 10:26-31.
3. The living stone which is Christ 1 Peter 2:3-6
 - a. The context transfers from milk to a building
 - b. Christ is the chief corner stone and is living
 - c. He is the one with whom we are to compare ourselves
 - d. Yet He was rejected by men, He did not fit their mold of who the Messiah ought to be.
 - e. God selected Him because He was precious (Matthew 3:17)
 - f. What think ye of Christ?
4. Meek and quiet spirit 1 Peter 3:4
 - a. The context is that of God describing a godly wife
 - b. "Meek" is a person who is "Christlike" Matthew 11:28-30; 21:5
 - c. Quiet spirit is tranquility rising from within
5. Faith 2 Peter 1:1
 - a. This faith according to the Greek is synonymous with the Gospel Galatians 1:23; Jude 3
 - b. The faith had be made available to the Gentiles and was of equal honor with the Jews
 - c. All have access to the Gospel Acts 10:34-35
6. Divine promises 2 Peter 1:4
 - a. What do we think of the promises of God?
 - b. Peter calls the promises of God exceeding great and then they are also precious.
 - c. These promises include forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7), peace (Philippians 4:7), eternal life (1 John 2:25; 5:11) and help (Hebrews 13:5-6)

III Conclusion

1. These things are precious to God are they precious to us?
2. If they are precious let us respond in a favorable way to them.
3. Obedience is what God demands.
4. Come now!

Sources: Thompson chain reference at the end of topic #4282; Gospel Advocate commentary on 1 & 2 Peter; Denton lecture 1998 on 1 & 2 Peter, Jude