

The Value of Our Relationship With God

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We derive our greatest value from our relationship with Almighty God, our creator. God created us for a relationship with Himself. Colossians 1:16 tells us that "...by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him." I was created for Him. You were created for Him. The homeless person you passed on the way to work this morning was created for Him. The South American dictator who is unleashing genocide on his own people was created for God.

I Peter 1:9 testifies that we belong to God and we were created so that our very lives could be expressions of praise to Him. The praise for which He created us goes far beyond the singing of hymns and saying "halleluiah". It is a praise conceived in the depths of our souls and spirits acknowledging Him for Who He is and all that He has done. It is born out of our acceptance and understanding of our value to Him. He has numbered every hair on our head (Matthew 10:30). Our name is engraved in the palms of His hands (Isaiah 49:16). He has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). He sent His only son to die on the cross that we may have forgiveness of our sins, because He places great value on His relationship with us.

Some years ago, I was in a severe depression, a state from which I had suffered most of my life; I was then in my thirties. Lying on my couch, I was begging to die. I recognize that hearing God's audible voice is an uncommon thing for most people as it was for me. But that day I heard God say, "Back off! She is mine." He was speaking to my enemy on my behalf because He loves me. I have never since doubted that He loves me. And, in the same way, He loves you. No matter what you have done, or how low you have gone, He still loves and values you and will run to your rescue when you are in the clutches of desperation. He created you for an intimate relationship with Himself. He yearns for you. You are His treasure of priceless value. In Him, your life has great value and purpose.