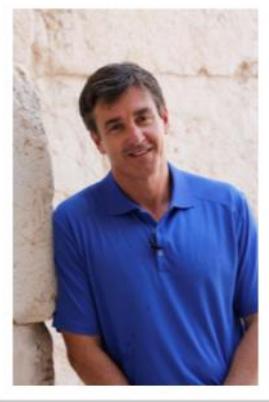


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I. Valuable in God's sight

A. The Principle

Jonah 4:9-11 (NIV[®])

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

B. In God's Economy—

Psalm 8:3-6 (NASB[®])

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;⁴ **What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?**⁵ Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!⁶ You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

Psalm 144:3-4 (NASB[®])

O LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You think of him?⁴ Man is like a mere breath; His days are like a passing shadow.

Hebrews 1:13-14, 2:1-5 (NIV[®])

To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?¹ We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.² For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,³ **how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?** This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.⁵ **It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.**

C. Watch & Learn

Luke 13:15-17 (NIV[®])

The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?¹⁶ Then **should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?**"¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

II. Purpose

The Principle

Psalm 139:13 (NIV[®])

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV[®])

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hebrews 12:9 (NIV[®])

Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. **How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!**

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank you for caring for me. I rejoice in the knowledge that you love me. I know that I am not a mistake or an oversight. I am created by Almighty God. Open my heart to your kingdom and your purposes as never before. Forgive me for being self-centered. I choose to live for the glory of my Lord and savior. In Jesus' name, amen.

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