

If I Lose My Soul

Mark 8:34-38

Introduction:

- A. The soul, as here used, is eternal part of man. (cf. vs. 35; Matt. 10:28)
- B. If I lose my soul I must face these facts:

Discussion:

I. I Will Lose More than the Whole World (v. 36)

- A. Value seen by Lord's parables on lost soul. (Luke 15; sheep, coin, son).
- B. Value seen by Satan's interest in it. (cf. Mt. 4:1-11).
 - 1. Tried to trade bread for Jesus's soul. - so with us.
 - 2. Tried to trade pride for Jesus's soul. - so with us.
 - 3. Tried to trade power, prestige for Jesus's soul. - so with us.
- C. Value seen by price Jesus paid for it. (Phil. 2:5-8)

II. I Will Be Lost Forever.

- A. Forever separated from God (2 Thess. 1:9)
 - 1. In darkness (Matt. 25:30)
 - 2. Away from God's comfort, blessings and fellowship
 - 3. With no means of reconciliation (Lk. 16:26)
- B. Forever tormented (Rev. 20:10)
 - 1. In fire (Matt. 25:41; Mk. 9:43-48)
 - 2. In agony (Matt. 25:30)
 - 3. With no rest (Rev. 14:11)

III. I Will Receive Justice.

- A. Judged by the righteous judge. (2 Tim. 4:7,8; cf. 2 Thess. 1:6).
- B. Judged by my own works. (Rev. 20:12-15; Rom. 2:5).

IV. I Will Have No One to Blame - but Myself.

- A. God has done his part. (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Jude 3; 2 Pet. 3:9; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; John 20:30,31).
- B. God expects me to do my part. (cf. Mark 16:15, 16; Tit 2:11,12).

Conclusion: Given these facts:

- A. Why would I do anything that might possibly jeopardize my soul?
- B. Why would I NOT do anything that to insure the salvation of my soul?
- C. Why not insure that salvation by obeying the gospel and living faithfully?