[redacted] What shall it profit?" MK 8 [redacted]. W.S. nov. 3 1945

2 Sermons

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A curious calculation -

no common measure - no common factor -

Supposed profit -

Set forth to best advantage - greatest possible -

No man can gain whole world -

- Alex - the Great - Macedon - A. minor (Granicus - Arbela - Issus)

Scythians - Egypt - Babylon - India - - "no other world"

- Napoleon - Italy - Switz - Netherlands - Spain - Portugal -

retreat from Moscow - defeat at Leipzig - Elba -

Waterloo -

Duration of such profit - continuance? - Impossible to retain

"This night thy soul shall be required of thee" -

"Then whose shall these things be?" -

The Enjoyment of it impossible -

Could not enjoy it all - Still unhappy -

The unsatisfactory nature of it -

Would not satisfy - Empty - miserable

Spiritual loss -

Practical bearing - to lead us to God -

" " " " Christ as the way to the Father

The worth of the soul & spiritual life

Even if he possessed whole world - miserable -

fears harassing him -

conscience tormenting him -

afflictions overwhelming him -

death overtaking him -

losing all in swelling of the Jordan -

Men stop far short of gaining whole world -

The value of the Soul -

variously estimated -

Infinite price paid for it -

Immensity of its capacities -

Its intrinsic worth -

Immortality of its being -

The Soul's Value

1. The price paid — precious Ransom Price
not corruptible things of silver & gold but
"the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb
without blemish & without spot."
on acct. of the soul Christ died
" " " " " " the Holy Spirit is at work.
" " " " " " the Word of God is given.
The pains God takes to save a soul.
The power the Spirit exerts to sanctify the soul.
The efforts Satan puts forth to destroy it.
The blood which Christ shed to save it.

Its intrinsic worth.
The breath of God — the candle of the
Lord in man — in the image of its
maker — stamped with his likeness.

Its immense capacities.

Great capacities.
Capable of suffering — (anguish of soul)
" " enjoyment.
" " meditation — Communion
" " glorifying God — with God
Worship.

Its immortality.
a flame that cannot be extinguished
a light " " be put out.
unseen but eternal.

The Shroud of Saladin

The Soul

The full force of the ~~loss~~ question -
Suppose he gains whole world -
What is the gain? "Nothing"
Ask the lost souls in hell.

Extent of the loss -

1. An entire loss - unqualified loss -
2. a loss without compensation -
   gt. fire of London - 600 sts. - 1300 houses -
   90 churches - $40,000,000 worth of property -
   loss of a soul a calamity - Can't compensate.
3. the loss is irreparable -
   friendship can be restored -
   health can be regained -
   property values can be regained -
4. "Cast away" - (Luke) - "incurred a forfeiture" -
   into eternal hell -

15 ov. #1945 What shall it profit? MK 8:36f

An impossible calculation - supposed profit set forth to best advantage - [Alex. Great] [Napoleon] - Brief pleasure - (w)
Still unhappy - miserable - empty - [fears. Conscience afflictions - death] alone
Some sad soul - [Dives Rich farmer]

Supreme value of the Soul -
Salvation of a soul given 1st place in Jesus' thinking
How estimate value of the soul?

- Infinite price He paid for it -
- Such immense capacities -
- Its own intrinsic worth -
- It is immortal

The Price paid - precious ransom price -
"The precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish -

on account of the soul
- Christ died
- the Holy Spirit works -
- the Word of God is given

- The pains He takes to save a soul -
- " power the H.S. exerts to sanctify it -
- " efforts Satan puts forth to destroy it -
- " blood which Jesus shed to save it -

Its Intrinsic worth - Breath of God - Candle of the Lord in man
In His image - stamped in His likeness -

Its Capacities - Capable of suffering - meditation - worship -
Communion with God - glorifying God -

Its Immortality - a flame that cannot be extinguished -
a light " " " put out -

[Shroud of Saladin] -

The loss - an entire loss - No compensation -
the loss is irreparable -

utter folly of selling the soul - [Dives - Rich farmer] [Samson]
[Two brothers]

Eternal death - Surrender