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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

What Is For You, Is For You

In the 1970's there was a television game show I just enjoyed watching called "Let's make a deal". In this show there were three curtains and behind each curtain was a prize. For instance, the first curtain may have a car behind it; The second curtain may have furniture behind it and the third curtain may have a goat or something of little value compared to the rest of the prizes behind it. The fact was this, whatever you picked, it was for you! Keep this in mind, the contestants had no idea what was behind each curtain.

My brothers and sisters, the walk of life can be found on two stages with both curtains <u>open</u>. When we leave here, either we are going to heaven (eternal life) or to hell (eternal damnation)! We have the opportunity to choose and there are no tricks to this decision. My brothers and sisters, just know "What is for you, is for you". Again, no tricks! God doesn't play games at all. He has given us a book (the bible) that tells us how this deal works. Just make the right choice and know "What is for you, is for you". We don't have to be envy or jealous of what somebody else has (that's if you pick the stage of eternal life). There is no need to make excuses. God has made it clear, "What is for you, is for you". He has our back and we don't have to have second thoughts on our decision. If you choose eternal life, it will be the greatest gift you could have ever received! But you must be willing to leave what you have to accept the new that you will get.

Let's review a passage in Luke 18:18-30 (NASB) - (18) A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (19) And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. (20) "You know the commandments, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'" (21) And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." (22) When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." (23) But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. (24) And Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! (25) "For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (26) They who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" (27) But He said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God." (28) Peter said, "Behold, we have left our own homes and followed You." (29) And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, (30) who will not receive many times as much at this time and in (4) the age to come, eternal life."

The principle is actually the same for those of us who are not rich. We cannot hold onto things that will distract us from the prize that God has for us. We must trust God and know that He has the perfect plan which is for our best interest!

Let me remind you of the story of Levi (Matthew). In Luke 5:27-32, the bible tells us that He left his job immediately to follow Jesus and he never returned! My brothers and sisters, "What is for you, is for you"! Remember, there are only two stages and it is your choice to decide which one to stand on. I will end this meditation with the following scripture, Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT) - (13) "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. (14) But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

"What's for you, is for you".

SCRIPTURE READING REVELATION 2:9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Trust God's authority, not man's majority.