

## Precious Things

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*Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal...*

*– Revelation 21:11 –*

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Something that is precious is extremely valuable, highly esteemed, or deeply cherished. Frequently, we think of preciousness in very temporal terms, like gemstones or valuable metals. We also think of things with deeper meaning yet of finite endurance, like the nature of a newborn, or the love of family. But the Bible sets forth a voluminous list of items that are of sublime and eternal value. It is humbling as well as deeply moving to meditate upon how precious God regards us, and the precious things He has committed to our trust as His children...

How God views man's eternal soul – "For the redemption of their soul is precious..." (Ps. 49:8)

The death of a believer in the sight of God – "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Ps. 116:15)

The gospel in the hand of a soulwinner – "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6)

God's thoughts toward the believer – "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!" (Ps. 139:17)

The Holy Ghost's wisdom in the believer – "She is more precious than rubies: and all things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her" (Prov. 3:15)

The blameless reputation of the believer – "A good name is better than precious ointment..." (Ecc. 7:1)

The very faith we hold as believers – "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:1)

Our sincere works of faith – "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood hay, stubble" (1 Cor. 3:12)

The trials of our faith – "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:7)

The blood of Christ – "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet. 1:18-19)

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself – "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner" (2 Pet. 2:7)

Let us fix our eyes heavenward upon the priceless nature of this wondrous salvation. It will elicit joy unspeakable in our hearts. Oh, precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow! --- *D. Murcek*