

Mat 26-1-16, 27:3-10 Gen 37:15-23

(1). "The Trading Post of Life."

Introd:- (1). Some years ago, on excursion train to Banff
..wash-out bet. Cochrane, Calgary..All night..Next morn.
Morley..Trading Post..Train-load of hungry excursionists
descended. Inside ev'thing imag..Buckets, brooms, axes,
ropes, Indians, yard goods, canned goods, gasoline, slabs of
cheese, pemmican, potatoes, blankets, boots and saddles.
In short order ev'thing eatable bought..and when dust
settled all left a few saddles and few bewildered Indians
that hadn't been sold off. Very quickly..MONEY been ex-
changed for eatables...cash register left..bulging..burstin
That was where action was...a real Trading Post!

(2). Goes on all time, doesn't it? And if inflation con-
tinues..soon go to store with wheelbarrow of money..put
purchase in back pocket. Yet buy we must. Old Mother
goose rhyme.."To market, to market to buy a fat...."

O.K. if want a pig! You will part with MONEY..and enjoy
pork chops, ham, bacon....Now let me see..that's three times
already I mentioned money. Mortal sin for preacher! Sh..!
Bad word..even if has 5 letters. BUT WHAT IS MONEY?

X.. Just round pieces metal..or rectangles of paper..What use?
MONEY is in some places..just cowrie shells..or beads..
height of rifle barrel (furs)..in Roman days, salt (salary
..worth your salt). MONEY IS A REPRESENTATION AND ESTIMATE
OF REAL VALUES. And so can be exchanged for those real val
And USUALLY it is an estimation of the value of some one's
TIME AND ENERGY..which added together equals LIFE.
Most of us actually trade our LIFE..out time-energy com-
petence..our output..for MONEY SYMBOLS..TO EXCHANGE FOR
real values. But trouble with getting money is that it
COSTS TOO MUCH..to much of LIFE..irreplacable LIFE.

Illus:- A man's thrift never more apprec. than when his
will is read to his beneficiaries! "Glad he exchanged his
LIFE for money..so that he could leave it all..we get it!"
Usually get busy exchanging it..spending dead man's life!
Isn't it most serious..imp..ask selves.."For what am I
exchanging my LIFE?"

Per. better to begin with another question..relevant.
a). How many days have you got left? How rich are you
in days..time-life-energy? How many got to spend? Man
who lives full span..70 years..has at birth 25,570.
By time fellow is 18..spent 6,575..has only 18,995 left.
Sounds like a lot? Ever buy car..watch speedometer pile
up miles? Don't they roll up in a hurry? PIC. OF LIFE!
The day-miles roll away..and are GONE FOR EVER!..No trade
ins!

(b). May sound gloomy..but this is true..EVERY DAY WE DIE A LITTLE. One more day GONE FOREVER. Each night when we go to sleep..lose consciousness..reminds us that life's day in physical sense will end like that....And, unless this precious LIFE is exchanged for real value..day by day..we shall come to last sleep BANKRUPT..broke illu:- Rich man died..funeral procession..Man began to laugh. Why? "Last week that man had millions. Today he hasn't a penny and I have 15 cents in pocket!"..But richer than that..HE STILL HAD LIFE..TO EXCHANGE FOR...PIGS...PROPERTY...PUDDING...OR POT.
c/f handful of sparkling diamonds - is what!

II. Or for WHAT? Great ques. of LIFE..lies bef. ev. young...

(a)...No..before all of us who still have time-days left to be exchanged..For WHAT? What is worth trading LIFE for?

Let me suggest that we consider three C's..Calculation, Choice, Concentration. *(even when asleep!)*

(b). How do you calculate worth of life? What worth to you? Much of it be thru ~~money~~ time-energy exchange to money and money to goods..but is that all? If so..miserable me..you.. for when LIFE runs out..I shall run out on all these goods. What life worth? I think of O.T. story..Joseph, young, good-looking, strapping, well dressed, keen intellect, Godly... WHAT HE WORTH? Sold to Ishmaelites..20 pieces of silver.

X THINK OF IT! A life for 20 coins! And think of this: Our Lord sold for 30 coins...priceless life of God the Son! For what will you sell yours? Any number of earth-coins?....
c/f Film of work of Dr. Louis S.B. Leakey..last shots..white-haired man..on table..few fossil bones found in endeavour to give man bestial ancestry. SUM TOTAL OF HIS LIFE! Worth it?

(c). That takes us to matter of CHOICE. What's worth while goal in life? *What chose?* Story of rich ~~xxxxx~~ farmer..made goal of life riches and more riches..Built bigger barns..stored up goods..that he might retire early..ease, eat, drink, merry..But God said Lk.12:20 "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." *Chosen foolishly - what you*
Moses CHOSE.."to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." (Heb.11:25) Nehemiah left good job as cup-bearer to emp. of Medo-Persia..to go to Jerus. and rebuild a ruin.

Daniel Set heart on serving his God..and "continued" (1:21) Jesus "I come to do thy will O God." "Finished the work".

R.V. Satisfied goal of your ONE...ONELIFE..totally worth while?

(d). If so..need one more characteristic..and all's well. CONCENTRATION. Give yourself to it! Heart and soul and LIFE. Exchange ALL time-energy to THAT..c/f Par. of Treasure and Pearl...Matt. 13.."Sold all he had and bought it."

II Cor. 8:9 "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." He calculated the worth of your soul..He chose to leave heaven..come to earth..live..die..to pay price..He concentrated all He had..GAVE himself..to do it.

Conclus:- 1. Have you thanked Him..acknowledged your debt of gratitude? Appropriated His gift by faith?

Asked Him into heart, life..to cleanse..fit for heaven?

2. Will your life..exchanged for something...be full and right expression of your eternal gratitude? fulfill your needs

weigh this well....What will count for eternity into which we are all going? Peter put it this way.."WHAT SHALL THE END BE?" That's what counts, isn't it?

Paul came to end of life's road...II Tim. 4:6-8..

"I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

3. Will you ask H.S. not purpose in life? + give you strength wisdom to fulfill purpose?
cf Elijah. "What does he live for?" - "God" - (you) - ?

cf Vision & power of Hudson Taylor

Ramsey zeal of Morrison - Hudson - Carey - Zinzendorf.
Contrasts - I Cor. 10:7 - "People put - eat - drink & rose up to play"
2 ways Acts 19:10 - Power of H.G. on a man - sold out.

"All they that which dwell in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus"

Lapel Button - Reast - "Jesus lives here"

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