

Sermon Notes

My Precious - Isa 43:14

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I. Introduction

We told him to go away, and away he goes, Precious. Gone, gone, gone. Smeagol is free!! LOTR

- a. LOTR... Smeagol/Gollum are having a conversation... Smeagol wants to get rid of his bad side, Gollum... Gollum starts to list stuff Smeagol has done... liar, thief, murderer... has no friends... *nobody likes you...* then Smeagol says, *master takes care of me now...* no longer defined by who he was or what he did... old influence is gone... Smeagol is free... John 8... “the truth will set you free... if the Son sets you free... you are really free...” Rom 8:2... “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from sin and death...” 2Cor 5:17... “anyone in Christ is a new creation... old is gone... new has come...” Gal 5:1... “for freedom, Christ set us free... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery...”
- b. how would others describe you... how would you describe yourself... ugly, fat, skinny, stupid, worthless, hopeless... what if I told you that you were precious... Psa 72:12-14... “He will rescue the poor who cry out... the afflicted who have no helper... He will redeem them from oppression and injustice... their lives are precious to Him...” Isa 43... “do not fear, I have redeemed you... I have called you by name; you are Mine... I have given a ransom for you... you are precious in My sight... I will give people in exchange for you... I will blot out your sins for My sake... remember them no more...” yaqar... *to esteem, be prized, valuable, precious, costly; highly valued; be heavy with honor...*
- c. close your eyes for a second... let me tell you how precious you are to God... pray... Psa 139... “you are beautiful...” John 1:12... “you are God’s child...” John 15:15... “you are God’s friend...” 1Cor 15:17... “you are no longer in your sins...” 2Cor 5:21... “you are righteousness of God in Christ... completely acceptable to Him...” Eph 1:6-7... “you are God’s beloved... you are forgiven...” Heb 10:10-17... “you are holy... you are perfect forever...” 1Pet 1:18-19... “you have been redeemed from foolish behavior... by precious blood...”

II. Precious

- a. Jesus went to the cross... not only to give you eternal life... but a better life on earth... Matt 8:1-3... “I am willing, be made clean... and he was healed...” katharizo... *free from defilement of sins, faults, wickedness, guilt...* John 10:10... “I have come so you may have life... and have it more abundantly...” Rom 6:4... “Christ was raised from the dead... so we may walk in new life...” zoe... *absolute fullness of life that belongs to God; even in this world...*
- b. how do we know His sacrifice to give us a better life worked... because He sat down... OT priests never sat... continually offered sacrifices... sin never completely forgiven... John 1:29... “behold the Lamb of God... who takes away the sin of the world...” Acts 5:31... “God exalted Jesus to His right hand... to give forgiveness of sins...” Heb 1:3... “after He had cleansed us from our sins... He sat down at right hand of God...” Heb 10:11-12... “every priest stands day after day offering same sacrifices which can never take away sins... but after offering one sacrifice for sins forever... Jesus sat down at God’s right hand...”

- c. right hand is place of power, blessing, acquittal, no condemnation... knowing God’s opinion of you has same power as resurrection of Jesus... more you know how precious you are to Him... more power you will have in your life... more hope will overflow... Isa 43:4... “because you are precious... I will give people in exchange for you...” Matt 25... “sheep on right, blessed to inherit... goats on left, cursed into eternal fire...” Rom 5:2... “obtained access thru faith into grace... rejoice in hope of the glory of God...” Rom 6:4... “Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father...” doxa... *opinion, judgment, view; in NT always a good opinion; magnificence, excellence, dignity...*
- d. truth sets us free... lies keep us in bondage... why would we ever believe the devil... when has he ever had your good in mind... all he does is lie, steal, kill, destroy... Mark 1:11... “you are My beloved... I’m fully pleased with you...” John 8:30-47... “you will know the truth and the truth will set you free... devil is a murderer and a liar... he is the father of lies... yet, because I tell the truth, you do not believe me...” John 10:10... “devil comes to steal, kill, destroy... Jesus came to bring abundant life...” Eph 1:6... “to the praise of His grace... He made us accepted in the Beloved...” 1John 4:17... “as Jesus is... so are you in this world...”
- e. some of feel like this torn, ugly, useless piece of paper... devil will always point you to your faults, ugliness, uselessness... HS will always point you to Jesus... when you are hidden in Christ... you’re beautiful, valuable, righteous and holy... power will be visible... John 14:26... “HS will remind you of everything Jesus has told you...” John 16:14... “HS will glorify Jesus... tell you whatever He receives from Me...” Col 3:1-4... “you have died and your life is hidden with Christ... when Christ, who is your life, is revealed... then you will also be revealed with Him in glory...” phaneroo... *to make actual and visible by words or deeds...* 1John 5:5-13... “HS testifies... the one who has the Son has life... you can be certain...”
- f. value is established by what someone is willing to pay... not necessarily what its worth... how precious would these things be to you... would you sacrifice for them... devil shouts you’re worthless... not worth sacrificing for... God says I will sacrifice my Son for you... Gen 1:27... “God created man in His own image... male and female He created them...” Isa 43:1... “I have redeemed you... I have called you by name... you are Mine...” Zeph 3:8... “He will rejoice over you... He will delight over you with singing...” Zech 2:8... “anyone who harms you harms My most precious possession...” John 3:16... “God so loved you... He gave His only Son... believe... have eternal life...” Rom 5:8... “God proves His love... while we were sinners... Christ died for us...” 2Cor 5:17-21... “God was reconciling the world to Himself... not counting their sins...” katallasso... *to exchange for equivalent value; return to favor; receive with favor...* 1Pet 2:9... “chosen people... royal priesthood... holy nation... God’s special possession...” 1John 3:1... “what great love the Father has given to us... that we should be called His children...”
- g. death of Jesus at the cross gave us an inheritance... part of God’s unchanging plan... John 19:30... “it is finished...” Rom 8:17-32... “heirs of God... co-heirs with Christ... freely given all things...” Eph 1:5-7... “His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family...” Heb 9:11-28... “where a will exists... death of one who made it must be established...”
- h. resurrection of Jesus is the proof that His death worked... proof your sins are gone... proof that fear is turned into peace... proof that you are precious to Him... pray... John 20... “showed them His hands and side... stood among them... peace to you...” Rom 4:25... “He was handed over to die for our sins... raised for our justification...” 1Cor 15... “make clear to you the Gospel... Christ died, was buried, raised on 3rd day... if Christ is risen... your faith is valuable... you are no longer in your sins... in Christ, all will be made alive...”