

Voice of the Soul

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I. Luke 12:16.

A. Meaning.

1. Preceding context: brothers come to Jesus to have him settle family disputes over property, and Jesus warned not to covet.

2. Following context: have no thought about what you should eat, etc.

B. The eternal work of the soul as compared to all else.

1. The voice of God is heard through different channels, telling us that we will not be here long, but there is a door to another world through Jesus' crucifixion. Faith is that door.

2. The neglected soul has a voice too, and it is saying the same things.

C. The soul has been forgotten today.

1. This is assumed in the Bible.

2. All we see is the appearance of a man, but we do not see the person - the soul.

3. We are not bodies having souls. We are souls having bodies.

4. The word soul and spirit in the Bible are often used synonymously showing that while you can think of them apart, they are actually inseparable.

a. More than one meaning for death.

b. A man's soul never ceases to exist.

c. Seventh Day Adventists confuse immortality with eternal life.

1) Eternal life is the life with God.

2) Continued existence is what is meant by immortality.

a) You cannot snuff out a soul.

b) There, however, is a separation of the material and immaterial.

5. All religions have taken for granted that the soul exists.

a. Only when you have been educated beyond your good can you deny a future existence.

b. There is something shocking and terrible about not believing in the soul.

c. Believing in the soul is a test of humanity.

D. We tend to the essential material less than the inconsequential material.

1. Too many spend their time on their body, when they need more attention to the soul.

2. The soul is the primary thing in you.

II. The soul is trying to say something to you.

A. Jesus said to be concerned with the one who can destroy the souls of men, rather than the body.

1. The Bible teaches that if the soul is saved, everything is saved.

2. If the soul is lost, than everything is lost.

B. Jesus died for our bodies too.

1. The ultimate goal is to be embodied.

2. We are temporarily separated.

3. But the first body is laid away and is no longer the body we attain to.

4. The Lord wants everything to be clothed - even the soul.

a. He clothes us in an intermediate body after death.

b. He then clothes us in a permanent resurrected body.

C. But the man who lives for this world only, dies a pauper.

D. The soul can be lost.

1. By neglecting that it can be lost.

2. By being unclean and neglected.

E. Jesus offered His soul for us.

1. The fact that Jesus is risen should be central to Christian thought.

Applications questions.

1. According to the speaker, what is relationship between the body, soul, and spirit? What state will humanity exist in after death? Explain.

2. Explain the difference between immortality and eternal life.

3. What is the message of the soul? How can you take special heed of this message? In what ways is this message being neglected today?
