

**“Your Soul”**

Matt 16:24-27

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Intro: The Irish Bible Commentator Adam Clarke, born in 1762, often wrote to the reader saying, “take \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_.”

A. For the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ of your soul do that which is needful for the salvation of your soul! For the sake of your soul, see to it that \_\_\_\_\_ is your \_\_\_\_\_.

B. This \_\_\_\_\_ is fleeting, but a vapor then it is \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:14). But this need not scare us for if we have cared for our soul then we need not live dreading our last breath, but we can live looking forward to it for then we will see the Savior face to face! In love I say, \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_!

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I. \_\_\_\_\_ of us has a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. When the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, man became a \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Genesis 2:7).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the One who \_\_\_\_\_ life and gives us our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Every \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Our souls belongs \_\_\_\_\_!

3. Our soul is the immaterial (\_\_\_\_\_) part of us. The material part (dust) of the man was not living until \_\_\_\_\_ the material part an immaterial or spiritual part.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ part for the material part (body) was not alive until it was given the spiritual part and, the body (material part) of man dies when the spiritual part leaves it. (Cf. Gen 35:18)

a. This is why when the Scripture says that it is appointed unto \_\_\_\_\_ once \_\_\_\_\_, and then the judgement (Hebrews 9:27) that there can be a judgement, for though the body die the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The soul can prosper, \_\_\_\_\_, delight, tremble, boast, be weary, bitter, refreshed, exalt God, and be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_!

a. In God giving us a soul we are made a \_\_\_\_\_.

6. If the soul does and experiences all these things, and the soul is not dependant upon the body, then our \_\_\_\_\_ on when the soul departs the body!

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ is something to be cared for because after our body has gone to the grave our soul in full consciousness will exist to face God. That which is of the dust returns to the dust, but that which belongs to God \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_! Therefore, we must take care for our soul.

II. Jesus taught us how to \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_.

A. If one is to care for their soul they must:

1. make the \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ bearing the sufferings of self-denial.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

B. If one will \_\_\_\_\_ His rightful ownership of their soul they will not inherit eternal life, but their \_\_\_\_\_ will be eternally \_\_\_\_\_!

1. Those who try to take for themselves what belongs to God, and what Christ Jesus died to save, that they might enjoy the passing sinful pleasures of this world \_\_\_\_\_ the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ that He alone can and would give them.

2. Whatever you might \_\_\_\_\_ as you follow after Christ, is only a \_\_\_\_\_ and momentary suffering, and is nothing to be compared to the eternal weight of \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ you.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ will it \_\_\_\_\_ you even if you gain the entire world, but you \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_?

1. What are you now giving in \_\_\_\_\_ for your soul? What sinful thing are you exchanging your soul for? What lust? What addiction? What anger and hatred and bitterness? What greed? What sinful gain? Is it worth your soul? For when your \_\_\_\_\_ departs your body there will be no chance for exchange. The bell will have tolled, and the sacrifice you \_\_\_\_\_ will be offered no more.

**Conclusion:** I do not know when my \_\_\_\_\_ nor when your soul will be \_\_\_\_\_ by God, the rightful owner. But this I do know, He will require our soul for it is appointed unto man once to die, and then the judgement. \_\_\_\_\_ for the judgement?

Have you cared for your soul? Choose today who you will serve.

Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus. And, in so doing, you will have taken care for your soul and eternal life in Christ is yours.