

What God Values Most

“These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

1 Peter 1:7 (NIV)

One of my children, when a teenager, had the expression—“Trust me Dad”—when seeking to persuade me of the truth of something said. My child used the expression so often that I fear I often rolled my eyes when I heard it.

The matter of trust is something we all treasure. A wife trusts her husband when he is away from home and at work where attractive women are also employed. The husband values the fact he is trusted as a faithful spouse.

One of the most painful experiences in all of life is when a person finds that their spouse has found someone else more attractive than themselves and breaks the marriage vow “til death do us part”. “Betrayal” is often used to describe the actions of an unfaithful marriage partner. No humiliation is equal

to that of a marriage partner forsaken.

This is why the Lord values faithfulness on our part so precious in His sight. Even gold, that very precious metal, is not so highly valued as fidelity in our marriage relationship to the Lord of glory.

When Jesus returns those who have had a steadfast faith in the Lord will witness how that loyalty to God brings “praise, glory and honor” to Jesus. Genuine faith is precious in the eyes of the Lord. He calls on you and me to be faithful to our commitment to follow Him.

Perhaps you have stumbled and fallen into some sin you had renounced. You wonder if the Lord can still love one who vowed to be faithful yet broke that promise so important to the Lord. Listen to Charles Wesley’s words and return

to the One Who has loved you from eternity and will not let you go.

Depth of mercy!
Can there be Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God
His wrath forbear, Me,
the chief of sinners, spare?

There for me the Savior stands,
Shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Yes, Jesus may weep at your return to some pet sin but His love will still conquer your rebellious heart. Listen to His words of love and come again into His presence, the presence of One Who was and still is called “the friend of sinners”