

# Only One Thing Matters!

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It is difficult to imagine, but 10,000 years from now only one thing will matter—that we are in Heaven—praising God forever and ever! Being *sure* that Heaven is our destination is valuable information indeed! And if the location of our next home is the only thing that matters now, then Words by our Lord and Savior are of paramount importance today!

He said Matthew 18:11 “*For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.*” Everyone is *lost* in sin because everyone was *born* in sin—we must know *how* to be forgiven; *how* to forgive; *how* to be *sure* we are going in the right direction toward the right destination.

Every day presents us with *choices* and *priorities*, but the choice to make our spiritual preparation for God’s kingdom priority #1, is of monumental importance! Responding to situations we encounter as God explains in His Word, is a sure way to be ready and prepared for the imminent return of the Lord Jesus.

Warnings are given so we are not surprised 2 Corinthians 5:10 “*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*” The day is approaching when we will stand before the Lord Jesus and give an account of our life choices.

God has given us a *knowledge* of His Truth, and it is our responsibility to *show* that Truth to everyone every day. The day is approaching when

everyone will go one-on-one with the living God—and it will *definitely* matter at that time if we took God’s Truth *seriously* and *lived* it just as *seriously* by His power.

When we stand before the Judge of everyone, only *One Thing will Matter*—did we truly *believe* and *trust* in faith on the atoning sacrifice He made for us!—*that* is the question—the answer *must* be *Yes*. When we see Jesus, we will realize that He only is holy, righteous, and pure—and also how unholy and impure *we* were—that is until He came into our *life* to convert our sinful *heart*.

The beauty of Heaven is beyond anything we could ever imagine! At that moment we will *know* how important it was that we took His Words and Truth *seriously*, and how necessary it was that we showed a Christ-like example to our children, family, friends, and others.

Romans 10:13 “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* 14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent!”*

Having full-Truth Brochures with us, enables us to give them to someone. If God has opened the heart of anyone to receive His Truth, and He gives us the opportunity to share that information with them, we should be able to do it.

They may want to know more about why Jesus came to earth; how He saves the sinner; and what does He require us to do. We can pray that God opens the heart of anyone with whom we meet or work around to *desire* to *know* the Truth He has given us.

We are to value the Truth enough, so we *know* that it is the *one thing that matters* as we wait for the Lord’s return. Many people today need encouragement, so we should be ready to give it when

God enables us to—with a word; a smile; and assuring them of our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 “*Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*”

Every day, approximately 150,000 people pass into eternity—but were they prepared for that moment—had they given their heart and life to God—and did they know *why* Jesus came to our world—Matthew 18:11 “*To save that which was lost*”—is the question. We must be living God’s Truth in our *own* life so our *example* would be a right one.

Amazing Grace—*When we’ve been there ten thousand years; Bright shining as the sun; We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, Than when we first begun.* Although difficult to comprehend, after ten thousand years in Heaven, we will have just begun expressing our praise to God and giving Him the glory we began on earth.

We must be going in the right direction to the right destination by continuing to trust God; to forgive everyone; and doing what God requires—Micah 6:8 “*To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.*”

God has placed an awareness of His Truth in our heart. No matter how some try to ignore it or not think about it—it is *still* there. Ecclesiastes 3:11 God “*Has put eternity in their hearts.*” We *know* there is something *more* to this life than just going through the motions.

It reminds us of how *important* it is that we *live* His Truth; that we *set* a scriptural example with our *words* and in our *conversations*; and that we have a *forgiving* attitude toward everyone.

We must *commit* our life to God and *live* by His principles of faith and trust for everything—healing; finances; wrongs, injustices; training children; work issues; and trusting Him *every day* for a *right attitude* toward *everyone!*

Only one thing will matter ten thousand years from now—are we in *Heaven* because we *trusted*

in faith on the atoning Blood of Jesus—that is the one critical question, and *Heaven* is where we *must* be for an eternity!

If we are physically oppressed—*what* do we trust to give us relief; If we are short of money—*what plan* do we follow for finances; If we are mistreated, insulted, or affronted—*how* do we get justice; If we need spiritual guidance—*what source* to we seek to find it! The answer to all of the above is to trust *God* in faith—it is the *only* way and plan!

As Israel was taken to a wilderness so they could only *trust God* for everything, every day, we *also* are to be in a wilderness—where we will only *trust God* alone for the healing of any oppression; for the supply of any need; for justice with every wrong; and for the wisdom, guidance, or solution to any problem encountered.

We have this one opportunity here on earth to learn the Truth from the Word—we have this day to trust *God* for the ability to *value* His Truth correctly.

There is one thing we *cannot* do in Heaven, but we *can* do on earth—and that is to show a godly example of Christ-like living to an *unbeliever*—because everyone *in Heaven* is a *believer*.

We can worship *God* in Heaven and sing *praises* to His Name—but once we leave *this* life, we can never again *encourage* someone or give God's Truth to a *lost* person. Therefore, *today* is the *day* to *live* the Truth God has given; today is the day to be *forgiving* and *loving* and showing a *godly example* of faith and trust to everyone—especially to children and loved ones right in our home.

Treating everyone in a kind and Christ-like way every day is how we *live* God's Truth. It is the Golden Rule we should always follow with God's help. Matthew 7:12 “*Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*”

We can have Brochures with us to give to anyone asking about our faith and belief in God. The apostle said 2 Corinthians 2:12 “*When I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord.*” When the Lord *opens* a door, we should *give* His Truth to that person.

There are only *two times* to *live* God's Truth and *share* the Gospel—in *season* and *out of season*. 2 Timothy 4:2 “*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*”

We should never be ashamed of our life of faith and trust on the Lord Jesus. On the day we stand before God, no one will say they *lived* His Truth *too much*, or *shared* the Gospel *too often*—maybe *too little*, but *never* too much.

God prepared *Cornelius* to hear the Truth, so *Cornelius* opened the door of his home and God sent the apostle to speak to him. After telling Peter about the vision God gave him and that he should send for the apostle, he says Acts 10:33 “*Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.*”

*That* is to be *our* mindset when attending church services. We are to be *open* to anything that God *has* for us, and to *listen* to “*All things that are commanded*” of God to be said during the message.

This might mean a *change* of mindset about *reading* God's Word; *attending* church services; or doing *anything* concerning our spiritual education and learning.

Our mindset should not be that we *have* to read the Bible, or we *have* to go to church—but that it is an *awesome opportunity* to *hear* what God is saying to us—to attend a service with other believers; to be *enlightened* by the message; to depend on the Holy Spirit to *open* our minds to

it; to encourage *others* we speak with—or *be* encouraged *by* them.

It is an opportunity to *sing praise* to God and to Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reading the Word or attending church should *never* be a drudgery, but a *joyful activity* that we look forward to doing. It is *not* the worst part of the week, but the *best* part of *every* week.

If a child asks—Do I *have* to go to church today—they should be told that they *get* to go to church today. It is not that we *have to* attend, but we *get to* attend. It is a *privilege* to gather with fellow believers and to worship our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

By changing one word, it goes from a *task* to an *opportunity*! In other countries there are Christians who *walk six hours* to attend church and *walk six hours* back home—yet we often complain if we have to *drive* to church when it is cold or raining.

Yes, we often need a *mindset reset*—we *get* to go to church—we *have* this *opportunity* to *assemble* and *worship* and *sing praise* to the living God of the universe. It is a blessed opportunity He enables that is so spiritually valuable.

Ten-thousand years from now, *Only one Thing will Matter*—that we *did* change our mindset; that attending church was a *joyful activity* of the week; and that we *learned* to *value* what is *most* valuable—the *Truth* from God's Word!



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