What Matters MOST TO GOD

Sermon Series

Matthew 16:26

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green
pastures. He leads me beside the still
waters. He restores my soul; He leads me
in the paths of righteousness for His
name's sake.

Lesson Seven

He Restores My Soul

RESTORES means:
“To turn back”

He causes my life to return.

Restore means:

“to bring back, to return (someone or something) to a former condition, place, or position, to repair or renovate.”

Restoration of our souls is a work of God.

How does God restore us?

Number One:

God Restores Us With His Word.

Psalm 19:7

The Law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The Statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Psalm 119:93

I will never forget Your Precepts, for by them You have revived me.

Hebrews 4:12

For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

God's Word is Piercing Truth.

God's Word provides Deep Insight.

“Life is more than existence.
It is more than survival.
God’s Word makes us aware
of where we are and
who we are.”

Number Two:

God Restores Us through Confession and Forgiveness of Sin.

Confession of sin is a way to enter into the grace of God's forgiveness.

Psalm 32:3

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Psalm 32:4

For day and night Your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Sin causes a sickness or suffering of the soul.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

“It does not spoil your happiness to confess your sin. The unhappiness is in not making the confession.”

Number Three:

God Restores Us through His Abiding Presence.

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.