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SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 26:3-27:34
- Jeremiah 1:5
- Ephesians 2:10

VALUATIONS

- People
- Places
- Things

From where do you derive your value? Pay close attention here; I'm not asking you from where you derive your values, as in principles and standards of behavior. I'm asking about your self-worth. It's easy to fall into the trap that defines you as your profession or vocation; your possessions, position and accomplishments; your situation and circumstances; relationships and associations; your true outer appearance or how you appear to others, including their opinions, judgments, gossip, posts and compliments. Even your divine calling and purpose is not who you are, is not how your real worth is measured.

Many people today are victims of selfie-worth, an inner belief that you are what you can convince others to believe about you. I am not sure that's any better than those who feel they have no worth at all. Any combination of these valuation formulas is a lie,

and we know who fathers lies! Yet, if you are not any of these, what are you? Who are you? How much are you worth and who decides? These are all excellent questions, and if you are not asking them, maybe you should be!

I'd like to introduce you to a concept. Those who are not born-again, justified by faith in the precious work of the cross of Christ, have at their disposal a sole self-valuation formula that demands they load their balance-sheet with self-worth assets derived from the above. Christians, however, have a different form of accounting at their disposal, should they choose. Yes, it's available, but not guaranteed. You must exercise the option.

Sure, at your born-again encounter, you confessed who God is and what Y'shua had done for you. In other words you openly acknowledged with your mouth that God is who He says He is. But, there is another side to the faith coin, and that is the belief in your heart that you are who God says you are. And that is the optional side. You can believe who God is and yet your opinion of yourself can still be wrapped up in all of the above lies. The cross-over happens when you abandon those lies and begin to see your self-worth through God's eyes. Yes! He is from where your real valuation comes. The High Priest of our confession sets the true value of people, places and things, and I highly suggest you adopt His accounting method!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

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““And when a man dedicates **his house** to be holy to the Lord, then **the priest shall set a value for it,** whether it is good or bad; **as the priest values it, so it shall stand.**” Leviticus 27:14 NKJV

““If a man dedicates to the Lord part of **a field of his possession,** then your **valuation shall be according to the seed for it.** A homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.” Leviticus 27:16 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“Before I formed you in the womb **I knew you;** Before you were born **I sanctified you; I ordained you** a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5 NKJV

“For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**.” II Timothy 1:7 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This Portion promises blessings and rewards for Israel if they will keep the Torah, but punishment and curses if they break the commandments of the Torah. The last chapter discusses laws pertaining to vows, valuations and tithes.

Leviticus 26

2. **Promise of Blessing and Retribution:** Here we have similar promises for obedience and disobedience as we see in Deuteronomy 28.
 - (a) Technically the first two verses of Leviticus 26 belong to last week's portion but they are a great introduction to this week's reading: *“You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God. You shall*

keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the Lord.” Leviticus 26:1-2 NKJV

3. **Obedience** brings rain in its season and all sorts of abundance, peace and protection from evil.
 - (a) Yahweh will set His **tabernacle among the people. He** will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. (See Paul’s take on this.)
4. **But if you do not obey Me,** and do not observe all these commandments this is what you get:
 - (a) Disease, plagues, defeat, desolation, and vengeance. He will break the pride of your power; your land shall not yield its produce; He will destroy your high places and cut down your incense altars; He will scatter you among the nations and your land shall be desolate and your cities wasted; You shall perish among the nations.
5. **But if you repent:** confess your iniquity and the iniquity of your fathers, with your unfaithfulness and that you have walked contrary to Me, and *humble your* uncircumcised hearts, and you accept your guilt—then He will remember His covenant.
6. Yet for all that, He will not cast you away, nor utterly destroy you nor break His covenant with you; But, for your sake He will remember the covenant of your ancestors, whom He brought

out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that He might be your God.

Leviticus 27

7. Redeeming Persons and Property Dedicated to God:

Valuations for all ages of people and rules for the poor are set. Valuations and redemption costs and rules for all animal offerings, unclean animals, houses, land, fields, and various ownership rights and how they relate to the Jubilee are set down, as well as rules and values for firstborn animals. Every devoted offering is most holy to the Lord.

8. No person under the ban, who may become doomed to destruction among men, shall be redeemed, *but* shall surely be put to death.
9. Rules for tithes of the land, seeds and animals are discussed.
10. You can study the last two year's teachings here. In both past years they were taught as double portions, which included Leviticus 25: [The Tale of Two Prepositions](#) & [Raven and Lilies](#)

PEOPLE

1. What are you worth?

A. The priest shall set a value...

(1) A Sound Mind: the mind of Christ

(a) The tools you have at your disposal, should you choose to access them, consist of: **Power**, or in other words, the supernatural empowerment of God's grace; **Love**, or in other words, the expression of God's divine nature; and a **Sound Mind**, or in other words, the mind of Christ.

1. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** *[the seeds]* and of **love** *[the house]* and of a **sound mind** *[the people]*." II Timothy 1:7 NKJV

(b) We have been preserved for a special calling that has nothing to do with what we deserve or can earn on our own. Instead, the value we bring into the world is determined by God and is completely empowered by Him.

1. "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, **who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace** which was given to us in

Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,” II Timothy 1:8-10 NKJV

- (c) The ministration of each of these tools has an expression into the earth: we preach to plant seeds and within that seed is the explosive genetic code of multiplication. We become the expression of God’s divine nature as pioneers (apostles) into a lost world. And we impart (teach) wisdom and knowledge to transform minds.
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- (2) Look to priest for your true value!
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(b) As we come before the priest, we are essentially broke if we are measured by others. So, in total humility and submission, we look to the priest to define our true worth!

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(a) The Priest Knows your Value. Each person or thing has an inherent value if we just measure them or it in isolation. Break down the parts and place them in a balance sheet. Assign each part a value and then total them for a final estimate. However, when we belong to God, there is another factor involved, the maker or builder assigns the true value to His creation. The value of a piece of canvas and some paints is one thing, but when those paints are arranged on the canvas by Michelangelo, then those parts are no longer worth what they cost from the art supply store. They are now

worth something immeasurably more because of He who arranged them!

1. “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the **Apostle and High Priest of our confession**, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as **Moses also was faithful in all His house**. For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as **He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God**. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, **but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are** if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.” Hebrews 3:1-6 NKJV

B. His Workmanship

- (1) A thing made, a work, workmanship, fabric...
 - (a) You were dead and made alive...at one point, all you were worth was the sum of your parts. For humans, that’s about six dollars worth of minerals, 15 gallons worth of free water, and cost of the energy to bring that 15 gallons of water to a boil. Let’s say in today’s energy

costs that about one dollar. So, in raw materials you are worth about seven bucks!

1. **“And you He made alive, who were dead** in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, just as the others. **But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that **not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works**, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:1-9 NKJV
- (b) However, Yahweh is your Michelangelo, and He has assigned your actual value. As we saw a moment ago,

“We have been preserved for a special calling that has nothing to do with what we deserve or can earn on our own. Instead, the value we bring into the world is determined by God and is completely empowered by Him.” Yahweh has prepared us for an assignment and that is what determines our true value! He is the master craftsmen who has created you as a priceless work of art! Read Proverbs 8 and you come to realize that Christ is the master craftsman (the artist) who created you! *“Then I was beside Him as **a master craftsman**; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,”* Proverbs 8:30 NKJV

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- (c) Yes, at creation, we were His greatest handiwork. The invisible attributes of God Himself, man created in His image, was His greatest workmanship. What is that worth?
1. “For since the creation of the world His **invisible attributes** are clearly seen, being understood by the **things that are made** [*His workmanship: Adam and Eve—see Image of God*], even His eternal power and

Godhead, so that they are without excuse,” Romans 1:20 NKJV

- a) See [The Image of God](#) for an expanded teaching on God’s invisible qualities!
- (d) Let’s get personal. What is God’s artwork? Who is God’s artwork? He knew you before He formed you in your mother’s womb. Before the foundation of the earth He knew you, sanctified you (gave you a holy calling— II Timothy 1:8-10), and ordained you (assigned your ministry— II Timothy 1:11)! You will go where He sends you without fear (II Timothy 1:7) and speak (preach and teach). He has put His words in your mouth! You will transform nations. You will root out, pull down destroy and throw down all that opposes God. And you will build and plant seeds of the Kingdom! (Now—go back and read II Timothy 1:7-11!)

1. “Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
“**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.**” Then said I: “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” But the Lord said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ **For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And**

whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the Lord. **Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth**, and the Lord said to me: "Behold, **I have put My words in your mouth**. See, I have **this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.**"” Jeremiah 1:4-10 NKJV

2. I love how Y’shua words it! Don’t worry about what to say when you face leaders; the Holy Spirit will touch your mouth!

1. ““Now when they bring you to the synagogues and **magistrates and authorities**, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. **For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.**”” Luke 12:11-12 NKJV

(2) His valuation system...

(a) Let’s zoom into the paint on the canvas. What exactly are you made of?

1. “O Lord, **You have searched me and known me**. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You

understand my thought afar off. **You comprehend my path and my lying down,** And are acquainted with **all my ways.** For **there is not a word on my tongue,** But behold, O Lord, **You know it altogether.** You have hedged me behind and before, **And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or **where can I flee from Your presence?** If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And **Your right hand shall hold me.** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, **the darkness shall not hide from You,** But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. For You formed my inward parts; **You covered me in my mother's womb.** I will praise You, **for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works,** And that my soul knows very well. **My frame was not hidden from You,** When I was made in secret, And

skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.”

Psalms 139:1-15 NKJV

2. Summary

- a) He knows you completely
 - b) He comprehends your every step
 - c) He is familiar with everything about you
 - d) There is not a word on your tongue He does not know
 - e) His hands created you—the thought of that is too wonderful
 - f) You cannot hide from His presence
 - g) You are held in His right hand
 - h) Even darkness shall not hide from Him
 - i) He formed every part of you (spirit, soul and body) in your mother’s womb
 - j) You are fearfully and wonderfully made, in other words, you are His artwork
 - k) He only designs masterpieces!
- (b) His valuation system! God saw the sum of your entire being before you ever lived one day, and He has ordained every one of those days in advance! You are the product of the precious thoughts of the infinite Creator of the universe!

1. “Your **eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.** And **in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me,** When as yet there were none of them. **How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!** If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.” Psalms 139:16-18 NKJV

(c) *“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”* (Proverbs 23:7)
Fix your thinking! If at any point in time you become anxious, it is simply because you don’t know these things or have forgotten them. *“Lord, do some heart surgery on them and fix their stinking thinking as needed!”*

1. **“Search me, O God, and know my heart;** Try me, and know my **anxieties;** And see if there is any wicked way in me, And **lead me in the way everlasting.”**
Psalms 139:23-24 NKJV

(d) I love how Y’shua makes things so simple. How valuable are you? Birds live with zero anxieties about who they are; why they were created; what they should do; and how they will be provided for. And they are just birds!

1. “Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not of more value than they?** Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?” Matthew 6:26-27 NKJV

C. His accounting system, not yours...

(1) What does He think of us?

(a) The easy side of our born-again experience is the supernatural realization of who God is and who is our savior. The more difficult part is to change our stinking thinking about who we are! We must conform into who God says we are to be! This must be practiced by taking every thought captive and bringing it into alignment with the mind of Christ!

1. “that if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness [how God sees you], and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation [what Christ did for you].**” Romans 10:9-10 NKJV
2. “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing**

every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” II Corinthians 10:5 NKJV

(b) At first, bringing every thought into alignment with the mind of Christ might seem impossible, as His thoughts are so above ours, however...

1. ““For **My thoughts are not your thoughts**, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, **So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.**” Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV

(c) We have at our disposal, access to a new way of thinking...

1. “For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.**” I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

(2) Again...what has He give us?

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1. “Therefore I remind you to **stir up the gift** of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** [things, seeds, preacher] and of **love** and of a **sound mind.**" II Timothy 1:6-7 NKJV

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(c) What are you lacking? Nothing!

1. "as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:3 NKJV

2. "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**" James 1:4 NKJV

(d) What should get in you way? Nothing!

1. “For I am persuaded that **neither** death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus** our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

(3) This is what you were without Him!

(a) A Filthy Rag...

1. “For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. **But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;** We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.” Isaiah 64:4-6 NKJV

(b) Even the best the world has to offer without Him is rubbish compared to life with Him!

1. “though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the

flesh, I more so: ...**But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus** my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and **count them as rubbish**, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;"

Philippians 3:4, 7-9 NKJV

(c) Without Him...no one is righteous; no one understands; no one seeks Him; no one follows Him; no one does a single valuable thing; no one has anything good to say...

1. "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: "**There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.**" "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The

poison of asps is under their lips"; "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known." "There is no fear of God before their eyes." Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:9-20 NKJV

- (d) Everyone, apart from Him is condemned by sin; and in Him alone is grace and redemption. So, if you are nothing without Him, then what are you with Him?
1. "But now the **righteousness of God** apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**" Romans 3:21-24 NKJV

- (4) This is what you are with Him! Justified...it's more than you think!
- (a) Justified! You have entered a new accounting system. It does not matter if the numbers from your old life add up. You now have an accountant who, not only balances your debits and credits, but He leaves you with an over-abundance of expendable resources, the best of all being the asset of Grace (access to God's supernatural Power!)
1. "Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2 NKJV
- (b) Fear not...this transaction takes place without any need for your involvement. However, your involvement is required after the transaction takes place!
1. "For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, **in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**. Much more

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Fix your thinking! If at any point in time you become anxious, it is simply because you don't know these things or have forgotten them. *“Lord, do some heart surgery on them and fix their stinking thinking as needed!”*

(d) I love how Y'shua makes things so simple. How valuable are you? Birds live with zero anxieties about who they are; why they were created; what they should do; and how they will be provided for. And they are just birds!

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(1) What does He think of us?

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(a) Seedtime and harvest is God's business plan!

1. "“While the earth remains, **Seedtime and harvest**, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”” Genesis 8:22 NKJV

(b) Seeds will not produce a harvest unless they die first!

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1. “But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. **If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.**” John 12:23-26 NKJV

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Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

2. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:33-34 NKJV

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Matthew 13:3-9 NKJV

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Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV

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1. “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**” II Timothy 2:2

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(c) Take up your cross and count the cost...Seeds must die to multiply their DNA!

1. "Then He said to them all, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."** Luke 9:23 NKJV

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- B. After: Romans 5:1-9

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(See: Hebrews 3:1-6; I Corinthians 3:9-17; 6:15-20)

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