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## THE VALUE OF A MAN

In an Age when A MAN is Valued because he carries 'different ways' from that of the common "world" which always values men according to it's own system of thought

We need to Encourage each other in Christ -to Value **THE TREASURE IN THE EARTHEN (CLAY) VESSEL**. Every Word of Christ you carry in Your Heart, adds Value to Your Being, as GOD'S Word is Being 'made Flesh' in You!

The 'world' has always had it's 'forged Idols' to stir up the desires of it's common people. Valuing "Idols" is so ancient in the world, that the first mention of the word "value" in the Bible connects mankind with Idols.

**Job** says to his contenders 13:4 "But ye are **FORGERS OF LIES**, ye are all physicians of no value...Job 13:10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept (lift up, exalt) persons. Job 13:12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay." (KJV).

**If we can only See the way that GOD Values Men, not just who he is in the world, but WHO IS IN HIM, AND WHAT TREASURE HE CARRIES IN HIS HEART**, we would not be dis-

couraged by the prosperity of the ones the world values so highly. We hear James, the brother of Our Lord, saying: Jas 2:1-10 "My brethren, you must not make distinctions (**show partiality -the fault of one who when called on to give judgment has respect of the outward circumstances of man and not to their intrinsic merits, and so prefers, as the more worthy, one who is rich, high born, or powerful, to another who does not have these qualities**) between one man and another while you are striving to **maintain faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our glory (opinion, judgment, and view)**. For suppose a man comes into one of your meetings wearing gold rings and fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man (reduced to beggary, asking Alms, destitute of wealth, influence, position) wearing shabby clothes, and you pay court (respect, to turn the eyes) to the one who wears the fine clothes, and say, "Sit here; this is a good place;" while to the poor man (**powerless to accomplish an end**)

you say, "Stand there, or sit on the floor at my feet;" **is it not plain that in your hearts you have little faith**, seeing that you have become judges full of wrong thoughts? Listen, my dearly-loved brethren. **Has not God chosen those whom the world regards as poor to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom which He has promised to those that love Him?** (WNT) But \*you\* have put dishonour upon the poor man. Yet is it not the rich who grind you down? Are not they the very people who drag you into the Law courts? --and the very people who speak evil of **the noble Name** by which you are called? If, however, you are keeping the Law as supreme, in obedience to the Commandment which says **<"You are to love your fellow man just as you love yourself,">** you are acting rightly. But if you are making distinctions between one man and another, you are guilty of sin, and are convicted by the Law as offenders." (WNT).