

Great Gain

1. Read Mark 8:34-38 Is the gaining of the whole world of real value?
What will we lose if we try and gain the whole world? Is it worth it? Read 1 John 2:17 -
Who will abide forever? Go back to Mark 8 - What did Jesus say we were to do to follow
Him? Are we to try and save our own lives, or to give them to God for His purpose?
Should we be ashamed of Jesus?
2. Read Matthew 27:39-54.
What did the onlookers tempt Jesus to do? Would He have saved His real life by
coming down from the cross? Who did Jesus choose to obey? - Read Luke 22:42
3. Read Hebrews 2:10
Who is Jesus as far as our salvation is concerned? What was Jesus made through
sufferings? What did God bring to glory through Jesus death?
Was this greater gain than saving His earthly life?
4. Read Hebrews 9:12 What did Jesus obtain by His death?
Read Hebrews 5:9 to confirm this. Who receive this salvation?
5. Read Hebrews 12:1-2 What was set before Jesus that caused Him to endure?
Is this same joy ours if we do the will of God.
6. Read Philippians 2:6-10 What did Jesus gain by laying down His life?
7. Read John 12:24-26 Can you see the same principle here i.e. -
why Jesus laid down His life? If we hold on to our lives what will happen to us eternally?
Is there more gain in being God's servant than in doing anything else?
8. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7 What happened when the widow poured out the oil? What would
have happened if she had hung on to the oil she had? What did she gain? Is this how to live with
God, allowing our lives to be given to Him so He can keep on filling us?
9. Read 1 Kings 17:8-16
What was the state of the woman and her son? Had they any hope of long life?
What did Elijah require the woman to do? Did he give her hope if she obeyed?
What did it mean for her to obey? What did she gain? For whom?
Can you see how this fits in with the above principles which Jesus laid down?
10. Read Luke 19:1-27 What came to Zaccheus's house?
What did that cause Him to do? What was he delivered from?
What was the greatest gain for him, his wealth or the salvation which Jesus brought?
What are we encouraged to do with the talents which God gives us?
Is this the way to gain things of eternal value?
11. Read Philippians 3:4-15 What was at one time gain to Paul? Was it of any value
as far as God is concerned? Does this mean that all the religious efforts of people are
basically of no eternal value? What did Paul do with all that he had gained?
What was He going to do instead? What would he have from Jesus? (vs.8-10)
Was this of great gain to Paul. What did it cause him to do? (vs12-14)
12. Read Galatians 6:7-8 How should we lay down our lives? In the flesh or spirit?
What do we gain if we yield our lives to the working of the Holy Spirit?
Are these everlasting things of the greatest gain to us?
Is this what Jesus did and is this how we should follow in His footsteps?