

BUY THE TRUTH AND SELL IT NOT

(Proverbs 23:23)

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INTRODUCTION:

I. TRUTH IS MOST VALUABLE TREASURE WE CAN CLAIM.

- A. We seek a treasure:
 - 1. This is valuable treasure like kingdom. Mt.13:44-46
 - 2. Real treasure lies ahead. Mt.6:19-21
 - 3. Truth is a treasure we have in earthen vessels. 2 Cor.4:7
- B. Souls are purified by obedience to truth. Jn.17:17; I Pet.1:22-25; Jam.1:18,21-25
- C. By this treasure we are set free. Jn.8:31,32; Rom.6:23
- D. This is means of sanctification. Jn.17:17; I Pet.2:5-11

II. TRUTH OURS ONLY IF WE SACRIFICE TIME TO LEARN.

- A. If we do not take time to study and learn it is of no value.
- B. Everyone who gives time and effort to know receives untold treasure. Cf. Isa.34:16; Psa.119:11; Psa.1:1,2; Ac.17:11,12; Jn.5:39; I Tim.4:13,16; 2 Tim.3:12-4:8
- C. To know truth and walk in light brings infinitely more value than all material possessions. I Jn.4:8; I Jn.1:5-10; 2 Pet.1:5-11; Mt.16:26
- D. Without love of truth God will send strong delusion. 2 Th.2:10-12

III. SOME WILL SELL THE TRUTH.

- A. Some do not love truth and seek it—this is sad; much more sad to have those who have known and love who then sell it.
- B. We cannot sell what we do not have.
- C. Many give in to devil's temptations. 2 Cor.2:11; 2 Cor.11:13-15; 2 Tim.4:10
- D. Such folks lack faith, love, courage, endurance and sacrifice to walk daily in the truth. Mt.16:24-26; Lk.9:23
- E. Some on flowery beds of ease, have not sacrificed, will not fight, but drift rivers of compromise left in despair and hopelessness.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Is the truth of value to you? What is it worth to your soul? What price are you willing to pay to possess it?
- B. What will you give it up for? What can Satan offer for which you are willing to sell the truth?