

YOUR SOUL.

O H the value of an immortal soul! Who can rightly estimate its worth? God esteems it of such value that He gave His own beloved Son for its salvation. Jesus, the Son of God, values it so highly that He shed His own life-blood to save it. God the Holy Ghost sets such value upon one soul that He follows it again and again with convictions of sin, if haply the sinner will give heed to His warning. Satan esteems an immortal soul of such value that he wearies not, in every way possible, to keep it in darkness and unbelief, lest he should lose it. (2 Cor. iv. 4.) What value does the reader set upon *his* soul? Hear the words of Jesus, "What shall it profit a man if he gain *the whole world* and lose *his own soul*?" How many and varied are the things for which men barter away their souls. Riches, honor, reputation, etc. And lawful things, "a piece of ground," "five yoke of oxen," "a wife," if chosen *instead of Christ* become the ruin of the soul. (Luke xiv., 16-24.) And sometimes a mere trifle, a passing pleasure, a moment's enjoyment is valued more than the soul. Let us remember Esau who for *one morsel of meat* sold his birthright. (Heb. 12. 16.) And if the soul is so lightly esteemed, no wonder the Saviour is too.

Wretched man valued Jesus at *thirty pieces of silver*!

How great the contrast between God's estimate of the sinner, and the sinner's estimate of the Saviour.