

I'M WHOLLY THINE LORD SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

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sc. **01**

After accepting Jesus as Redeemer, Savior, and Lord, the prayer of the heart is, "... 'I am wholly Thine, my Saviour; Thou hast paid the ransom for my soul, and all that I am or ever hope to be is Thine. Help me to acquire means, not to expend foolishly, not to indulge pride, but to use to Thine own name's glory'" (Counsels on Stewardship, p. 46).

sc. **02**

This prayer helps me understand three important points regarding my relationship with God:

1. [First,] I belong to God, not myself. The prayer says, "I am wholly Thine, my Saviour," ... "and all that I am or ever hope to be" belong to You, not myself. Also, all I have and will have is Yours, not mine. This understanding leads us to a complete surrender, becoming the keynote of our allegiance to Him.

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2. [The second thing this prayer helps me to understand is that] God is my Savior and paid the ransom for my life (as the prayer says, "Thou hast paid the ransom for my soul"). After realizing what He did for me, I understand that any desire to parade my service, giving, or the expectation of human recognition or gratitude comes from an unconverted heart. Therefore, I will no longer serve or give expecting human recognition, applause, or support. I will do everything for Him and with Him in response to the salvation that He provided to me.

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3. [The third point that this prayer helps me to understand is that] All the resources He helps me to acquire should be used for the glory of His name. The prayer says, "Help me to acquire means, not to expend foolishly, not to indulge pride, but to use to Thine own name's glory."

sc. 05

If I recklessly use what God gives me to satisfy my vanity, I am acting as an owner, removing Him from the throne of my life. But the Bible says I am just a steward or manager of what belongs to Him.

sc. 06

While today's culture equates happiness with acquiring material goods to feel fulfilled and satisfied and to produce self-glorification, the biblical message for this time is, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water. (Revelation 14:7)."

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Today's question is, "Do I trust God to the point of inviting Him to take control of all I am and have and of living exclusively to bring glory to Him?" May the prayer of the heart be, "... 'I am wholly Thine, my Saviour.'" As we return the Tithe and Promise, may we put our desires last and God first.