

Sermon Discussion Guide:

# Can I Lose My Soul?

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Scripture: **Mark 8:34–38**

Series: **Q&A: The Bible's Heaviest Questions**

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## OVERVIEW

Robert Johnson was an African American musician in the early 20th century whose ambition far exceeded his initial talent. Then suddenly, after having disappeared for a time, he emerged as one of the greatest blues artists of all time. Legend had it that he sold his soul to the Devil to acquire his otherworldly skills. This is mythology. Your soul can't be sold, stolen, or forfeited in this way. Instead, our most significant risk is that we overvalue the world and undervalue God and the soul He gave us. **Your soul is immeasurably valuable and easily lost, but Jesus can save it.**

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

Psalm 130:7-8; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Matthew 6:19-21

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How much value is there to the world? Why?
2. Is Jesus' question in Mark 8:36—which suggests a person's soul is more valuable than the whole world—to be taken figuratively or literally? How does scripture support your view?
3. Charles Spurgeon has said a person's soul is worth more than 10,000 worlds. So how can you be tempted to believe a small fraction of the created world is more valuable than your soul? In what ways do you give in to this temptation?
4. Have you found yourself more concerned with external dangers (e.g., Satan stealing your soul or evil in the world around you) than with the sinfulness residing in your heart? Why is it dangerous to be preoccupied with external vs. internal threats?
5. How might you develop a healthy appreciation for the value of God, your soul, and His created world and keep from losing your soul? *[By yourself, you can't because your sinful nature corrupts your perception of your soul's value and your ability to save yourself. But by believing in Jesus and continuously feeding on His gospel, you will appreciate that Jesus is more precious than all creation and yet gave himself up as a ransom for your soul. Because He did this, you can be forgiven, cleansed, restored, and your soul sealed forever in Christ. (1 Peter 1:17-23)]*