**IT IS WORTH IT**

**Matthew 16:26-27**

[**26**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-16-26/) **For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**[**27**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-16-27/) **For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*I know the world and the wicked question if heaven is really real and if going to church and doing all this religious stuff is not just a waste of time.**

**\*\*I dare say that there have been some real born again Christians who from time to time let the ole devil help them ask these questions: Is heaven really real? Is heaven really worth all this? Is living for the Lord really worth it?**

**\*\*I’ve read enough in the Word of God to believe that Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All!**

**\*\*Here is why heaven will be worth it all!**

 **1. It’s worth it because of that Place**

 **A. It’s a Special Place**

 **B. It’s a Splendid Place**

**\*\*The Distinctions, the Dimensions, and the Design of that place will be worth it.**

 **C. It’s a Safe Place**

**\*\*It will keep us safe from Sin, Suffering, and Satan!**

 **2. It’s worth it because of the Population**

 **A. The Son of God will be there!**

 **B. The Saints of God will be there!**

 **3. It’s worth it because of the Payment**

 **A. The Rewards will be worth it.**

 **B. The Rest will be worth it.**

**\*\*Living for Worldly Gain isn’t worth it and doesn’t pay, but Living for Worshiping God is well worth it and it does pay!**

**\*\*I want to tell you that the things we do for the Lord will be worth it in the end! Our faithfulness to Christ and to the church is worth it. Every service is worth attending. Every revival is worth attending. Every duty is worth doing. Every time we read God’s word it is worth it, and it will always be worth it. Don’t let the devil tell you any different!**

**\*\*So I want to encourage you by specifically naming some things that are worth doing not just because of heaven but because of the spiritual rewards and blessings we receive from them all!**

**I. THE PRAYING IS WORTH IT**

**I Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.**

**\*\*Praying without ceasing will be worth it!**

 **A. When the Sun is Shining It’s Worth Praying**

 **1. Pray and give God your Thanks!**

 **2. Pray and give God your Trust!**

**\*\*Some folks only pray when they want something from God, but it’s worth praying to God when everything is fine and to just give Him your thanks and your trust!**

 **B. When the Storm is Striking It’s Worth Praying**

 **1. Pray during the storm and give God your fears and your worries.**

 **2. Pray during the storm and give God your faith and your worship.**

**\*\*Praise God for those who talk to God during the storms.**

 **C. When the Spirit is Speaking It’s Worth Praying**

 **1. Let’s pray when the Spirit speaks to Souls.**

 **2. Let’s pray when the Spirit speaks to Sinners.**

**\*\*Don’t ever let the devil tell you that your praying is not worth anything! The devil is a liar, because all our praying will be greatly rewarded in heaven!**

**II. THE PREACHING IS WORTH IT**

**II Timothy 4:2-5 [2](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-2/%22%20%5Co%20%222%20Timothy%204%3A2%20KJV%20verse%20detail)Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.** [**3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-3/)**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; [4](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-4/%22%20%5Co%20%222%20Timothy%204%3A4%20KJV%20verse%20detail)And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.** [**5**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-5/)**But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.**

**\*\*People will tell you Sunday morning preaching isn’t worth going to. Carnal Christians will tell you Sunday night preaching isn’t worth attending. Dedicated Christians will sometimes tell you that radio broadcast preaching isn’t worth anything. It’s still worth it!**

 **A. It’s still worth preaching the Savior!**

 **1. We all still need to hear about His Love**

 **2. We all still need to hear about His Life**

 **3. We all still need to hear about His Lordship**

 **4. We all still need to hear about His Leadership**

 **B. It’s still worth preaching the Scriptures**

 **1. Bible preaching helps us to fight Sorrows**

 **2. Bible preaching helps us to fight Sin**

 **3. Bible preaching helps us to fight Satan**

 **C. It still worth preaching this Salvation**

 **1. We must preach the Blood that’s in Salvation.**

 **2. We must preach the Blessing that’s in Salvation.**

 **3. We must preach the Betterment that’s in Salvation.**

**\*\*I’m not going to stop preaching the Savior, the Scripture, nor this Salvation because all this preaching will be greatly rewarded in heaven! (All those who listen and love the preaching will be greatly rewarded as well!) It will be worth it!**

**III. THE PERSEVERANCE IS WORTH IT**

[**Proverbs 28:20**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-28-20/)**- A faithful man shall abound with blessings:**

 **A. Determination in Christian Life brings Happiness**

 **1. It brings happiness to the Church House**

 **2. It brings happiness to the Christian Home**

 **B. Diligence in Christian Lives brings Holiness**

 **1. It will cause your Ways to be holy unto God**

 **2. It will cause your Worship to be holy unto God**

 **C. Dedication in Christian Living brings Honor**

 **1. Dedication brings honor to our Christ**

 **2. Dedication brings honor to our Church**

**\*\*Our determination, our diligence, and our dedication will be greatly rewarded in heaven!**

**IV. THE PARDON IS WORTH IT**

**I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

 **A. The Pardon Cleanses Our Souls**

**I John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

 **1. It cleanses us from being Unrighteousness**

 **2. It cleanses us from being Unjust**

**\*\*Anytime we sin it is always worth running to the Lord and asking for forgiveness and for His pardon!**

**\*\*Don’t let that sin set in your soul and rot because you will sin again and it will begin to grow in your heart and life! It’s still worth getting your soul cleansed!**

 **B. The Pardon Changes Our Steps**

 **1. We no longer walk with the wicked; we walk in the Spirit.**

 **2. We no longer walk with the world; we walk in the Services.**

 **C. The Pardon Clears Our Spirit**

 **1. My spirit no longer carries the Debt of Sin**

 **2. My spirit no longer carries the Disgrace of Sin**

 **D. The Pardon Causes Our Service**

 **1. His pardon makes me want to serve Jesus!**

 **2. His pardon makes me want to serve Joyfully!**

**\*\*If you don’t want to serve Jesus joyfully, then you have a heart problem!**

**\*\*When we stand before the Lord pardoned, we will be greatly rewarded!**

**V. THE PREPARATION IS WORTH IT**

**Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

**\*\*It’s worth it . . .**

 **A. To Be Prepared for our Death and for the Resurrection**

 **1. It’s worth being Ready!**

 **2. It’s worth being Right!**

 **B. To be Prepared for our Departure and for the Rapture**

 **1. There will not be any more Occasions to get right.**

 **2. There will not be any more Opportunities to get right.**

 **C. To be Prepared for our Day and for the Review**

 **1. There will be no Deals on Judgment Day**

 **2. There will be no Discussions on Judgment Day**

 **3. There will be no Debates on Judgment Day**

**\*\*When we stand before the Lord prepared, we will be greatly rewarded!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*Don’t let anyone tell you that this Christian way is not worth it!**

**\*\*Don’t let the devil tell you that serving the Lord in the way you serve God is not worth it!**

**\*\*The Praying, the Preaching, the Perseverance, the Pardon, the Preparations are all worth it. This world and all its riches is what isn’t worth it! Never has been and never will be!**

**\*\*Living for Jesus will always be worth it! Make the most of it!**