

The Cost of Heaven

by Mike Tucker *

Given the opportunity, how much would you pay for a place in heaven? A number of years ago, a survey asked the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans that very question. This elite group included about one million households, each of which earned at least \$250,000 per year and had a net worth of at least \$2.5 million at the time. These millionaires gave the following breakdown of what they would spend on certain unique opportunities:

For great beauty, the average price they would be willing to pay was \$83,000. For talent, they would spend \$285,000. Great intellect commanded \$407,000. They said true love was worth \$487,000.

The highest bid on any subject went for a place in heaven. To secure their spot in eternity, these wealthy Americans said they would part with \$640,000.

Isn't it interesting that even if heaven could be bought, those who have the most money don't want to spend more than 25 percent of their net worth to get there? What a stark contrast to the 100 percent investment Christ made to secure our eternal destiny.

Because heaven cost Jesus everything, it costs you nothing! Jesus gives it to you as a gift of love! All your money, all your talent, and all your resources together could not make a down payment on heaven.

Jesus does ask, however, that we give Him something in return. He asks for all of us – everything that we are and all that we have. As frightening as that may seem, just as soon as we give it, He gives it back for us to enjoy until we get to heaven. You can't beat this bargain anywhere!

With Love,
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