

A PRICELESS PURCHASE

Among the words of wisdom a father passed on to his son are these of Solomon: “Buy the truth, and sell it not” (Proverbs 33:23). Surely no advice could be more practical than this. What lessons may we derive from these few words?

First, we are reminded that **truth is priceless**. Obtain it at whatever the cost. Scientists have given their lives in pursuit of scientific truth. Governments ideally have sought to establish a peaceful society upon the basis of truth. Patriots have shed their blood to defend the truth. Martyrs have perished rather than renounce the truth. Truth is among our most valuable assets.

We are also reminded of the fact that **truth is priceless**—“Sell it not.” May we not be as Esau who devalued his birthright to the point of selling it to his brother, Jacob, for a bowl of bean soup. Some sell truth through willful sin, ignoring the laws of God. Others do so by substituting human traditions and doctrines for divinely revealed truth. The apostle Paul prophesied of those who would “not endure sound doctrine,” but would “turn away their ears from the truth,” and would be “turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

Truth does not originate within ourselves. The truth of God is not inherent in our nature. It must be sought from God, whose “word is truth,” (John 17:18), as Jesus declared in His prayer the night of His betrayal. The word of God, as revealed in Scripture is inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). For the embodiment of truth, we must seek it in God’s Son, Jesus Christ, who affirmed, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me” (John 14:6). What greater treasure could you find in life than this?

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