

# Your Value to God

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Organ Music

Thank you. This morning's subject is: "Your Value to God."

Now it doesn't seem possible that, when we consider the Universe, the immensity of it, and when we think of our little selves, how we can be of any value to God. But, if we rise above the outward consciousness, and look within, then we will see, that we are a ray of the Great Spirit of God. And as a ray, we are of value to God. Because we have a part to play, a part to play in this Drama of Life, and also, we have another part to play, wherein we can be instrumental in giving God to others, that they may return home once more to Cosmic Consciousness. And with that outlook, you can see, that we can be, we really are, a value to God.

Now, your value to God is measured by the yardstick of *service*. Remember that. Your value to God is measured by the yardstick of *service*.

In any business, the faithful employee, the one most valuable, is he who what – gives the greatest service to his company. Who works, not only for self – watching the clock, and when five o'clock comes, out he goes. No. He has that business in his heart, as his own. He works with a different outlook. And so, it is when we are in service for God. It must be as the faithful employee serves the business in which he is in. This brings to my mind a story, which I think I have told you, once or twice before, about a very successful politician, back in Massachusetts. My brother was in the Legislature there, for several years, and this was told to him at one time.

Someone asked this clever politician, who later became Governor of Massachusetts, and I believe, a Senator in Washington. They said to him, they said, 'To what do you attribute your success as a politician?' And now, he was successful, and some of his ways were just a little bit what they shouldn't be. But nevertheless he was successful. So somebody asked him, and he says, he said this, he said, "Politics is a business, and that's my business."

And so, if we wanna be a, in service for God – really and truly – we must make it our business. We must make Self-Realization our business – to do it; to do it. Not in a selfish way, but in a broader way, whereby we are in service for God.

Now, you take in the family; the same thing. Service is the yardstick of value. And so, service to God is the yardstick of your value to God. In a family, some of the children take care of themselves, nicely. They give no trouble. But it ends there. Others, not only take care of themselves, but they take care of the rest of the family. They get above that little selfish point of view, and they work for the family as a whole. And so, it is with us in service for God. We must work in that way – above the selfish motive. In other words, the child of the family takes added responsibility, other than his own personal responsibility. That's the important thing. We must remember that.

And so, in service for God, service for God, remember, there are two aspects. If you wanna be valuable to God, as we surely do wanna be, we must remember these two things. The first aspect is this: it is that we have a part, to play in God's Plan, in this Drama of Life. We have a part to play – absolutely a part. Now that part may be small, or it may be great. That doesn't make any difference. The point is that we have the part to play. We must play it to the best of our ability.

Now, you take the play in a theater. The leading man, he gets the great applause and everything. But, if you look, and you watch some of those supporting actors, it is because of them that his part is such a success. And so, it is, as we play this part in the Drama of Life. We, although we play a small part, if that part is played correctly, then the whole Drama of Life is correct. And so, we have that responsibility; to play our parts, no matter how small it seems, and insignificant. That doesn't matter a bit. Each one is just as good as the other in the Sight of God. Everyone is just as important in the other in playing the Drama of Life, because each one is a ray, remember, of God's Great Spirit.

But the trouble comes this way. The trouble is that the Spirit of superiority of consciousness is injected into the Play, and then that, "better-than-thou" consciousness comes. That's the ego does that. But, if we get beyond the ego, and realize it is God's Play – and it is His Play, because He is the Sole Doer – if we remember that. Then it gives a different aspect to the whole thing – the whole Play of God's Light. Remember, each part is just as important as the other.

This consciousness of "better-than-thou," remember, comes from the injection of the superiority of one's consciousness over another. That's all. But thank God, thank God, in meditation, the ego has to get out, whether he likes it or not. What is left? Just that Peace, and Joy of God, in which we are all equal; and even in the Liberated saints. Think of that! In the Liberated saints – as Jesus, for example – or the great ones, the Master, Buddha, all were Liberated saints in the Light of God, are just the same. None are better than the other. That's the Great Justice of God. In this world it doesn't work that way, but in God's Presence, each one of us is equal. His Light shines equally on the diamond and on the charcoal. It is up to us to be receptive, and receive more of His Great Light.

I remember a story the Master told me about Judas. Judas, you know, betrayed Christ, and for that he suffered 20 centuries – 20 centuries – before he could be fully liberated. And the Master saw him. He was, I believe, a disciple of Ramakrishna. And he saw him, and he said that there was a little something over his countenance. He was a great devotee, but that had left its mark. And then one day, Ramakrishna said to one of the disciples, "I just was with Jesus, and I saw Manu over. He's all right now. He's completely all right." And so, even the betrayer of Jesus, who did that terrible thing, in the end, was just as good as Jesus himself. Such is the Justice of God. Remember that story. Master said it, told it to me. Remember, he had to suffer 20 centuries for that thing he did. But in the end, he's perfectly free, and clean – one with God.

Now, so many look upon service to God, which determines our value to Him, in a selfish way. They look upon it, that is, they look upon their own selfish interests first. They do not look upon service of God beyond them self, and the interest of the self. Why? Why is this? The simple reason – they do not comprehend God. That's all. Now, if you comprehend God, and realize what He is; and that you are one with Him; a part of Him; He is the common Father of us all; it changes the whole picture. Then, and only then, can you really work for God in a truly unselfish way. Then, and only then, can you be completely in the service of God. Remember, it is because you do not comprehend God.

And so, God contact, which can be attained through the methods of Self-Realization, is one of the greatest things – *Is* the greatest thing. Because by following one, as the Master, who was with God, lived in God all the time, yet being in the world, and who is now in that Great Light of God, by following him, his ways and his means, you attain God contact. You attain first, the Presence of God. And then, coming into His Presence, whatever you ask, whatever is in your heart – deep within your Soul – will be granted. And that is God contact. If

you have God contact, then you work differently. Your little self, with its needs, its immediate needs and interests, is replaced by the Great Joy that you are doing God's Will, doing God's Work. Working not for little self, but for God, who is the Self of all, and who is in each and every one of us.

So, you can see, if we work selfishly, because, remember, we do not comprehend what we are – that we are God's children; not in imagination, not in words, but actually rays of His Great Light, His Great Ocean of Spirit, rays of His Great Love. That's why those who have God contact can give something to others. Self-Realization is a great thing, because it helps you to realize, through its techniques, that God is the Sole Doer of all things. When you know that, when you know He is our common Father, then you can realize, that you have nothing to do with it. You are simply a ray of His Great Presence, and, therefore, naturally, you want to do His Will. You want to be completely in the service of God.

And so, this brings us to the second aspect of service for God. And this is very important. The second aspect is this. The first aspect is that we play our part as best we can in the Drama of Life, because that's why we came here. We came here to play that part. But we forget that in the confusion of worldly things, and our interests. We forget that that's why we came here, to play the part.

And then the second thing is: that we came here, we came here, that, finally, through the Presence of God, God contact, we could return home to Him. And so the second service is what? The second aspect of service to God, whereby we become real valuable to God, is that you help others return home to Him, from whence they come. How? By giving them, by giving them God Himself – this is very important. The second aspect of service, is where you give something real, something positive, you give them a taste of God Himself.

And so, those who are in this particular service, who live consecrated lives, which simply means living a life of complete service to God, and that complete service to God, can only be when you can give God to other people. Those people, are very much loved by God, naturally, because, God has given us free will to stay away from Him. And yet He wants us to come back home. And so those people who give to others a taste of God, give God to them, you can see they arouse within those people a desire to return home from whence they came; to be above pain and suffering. And so, God loves those people very, very much. They are really performing service to God. And because they do that, they are most valuable to God.

Why are they most valuable? Remember – this is the greatest thing – if you wanna be in the service of God, lead a consecrated life, wherein you contact God. Then what can you do? You can give God to others. That’s the greatest service that you can perform. And performing that service, you are most valuable to God. And not only that, you are most-loved by God. That’s a great thing, now, that we are learning.

Now, in the [Bhagavad] Gita it says this very thing, most beautifully. The greatest service is to give God to others; the highest service. But you cannot give God to others unless, through His Grace, He comes into you, and you perceive, and are one with Him. And so, in the 18<sup>th</sup> Discourse of the Bhagavad Gita, the 65<sup>th</sup> Line, we read this: "Merge thy mind in Me, be My devotee, sacrifice to Me. Prostrate thyself before Me. Surely thou shalt come even unto Me."

In other words, that’s the greatest thing in the Gita. "Merge thy mind in Me," it says right off. Get God contact first. That’s the greatest thing. Get God contact – merge in Me. You cannot think of God and be in Him. You have to be one with His consciousness. "Merge thy mind in me. Thou shalt surely come even to Me." So, the first thing is, remember now, the greatest service to God, we must first get God contact. Then we can give Him to others.

Now it says just that in the 68<sup>th</sup> Line: "He who shall declare this supreme secret among My devotees, having shown the highest devotion to Me, without doubt he shall come to Me." Now, right there you see, "He who shall declare this supreme secret...: That doesn’t mean just "say it." It doesn’t mean "say" to "merge in God." No. It means that to declare – you *reveal* – you *reveal* God to people. How? By giving them, by giving them a portion of His Presence within you, as the Holy Ghost, the Holy Vibration, the Fire of His Presence. You give that to people. And, you will see them change before your eyes. That’s the greatest service. "He who shall declare the supreme secret..." *Reveal* this by giving to others, "...having shown the highest devotion for me..." That is, having attained *God contact*. It’s very clear. How can you have devotion for God if you’re just thinking of Him a little bit? No. You have to be one with Him.

Then it goes on to say, "Nor is there any among men who perform a dearer service to me than he, nor is there any other that is more beloved by Me on earth than he." So there you have the greatest service that you can do, wherein you can be, will be, of the greatest value to God; is to so attain God contact, and when you come to people, they come to you, they may not say anything, but the Spirit

of God will flow from you to them. Why? Because, you are a perfect instrument; He is in you.

So that second phase of service is very important. And remember, when you do this, this is the greatest value to God. Because, if you can give God, if you can give a person a little bit of God, and they taste Him, then they are enthused. They wanna get at it! And they will stick, and go back home to God. Do you see the difference? First – play your part in the Drama of Life. That’s why we came here. But secondly – get hold of God, and then contribute to giving Him to others, that they may return home; which is the ultimate end of all existence.

In the Bible we read the same thing. In Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter, the 11<sup>th</sup> Verse, John said – this is most beautiful: "I indeed baptize you with the water unto repentance:..." You might liken that unto playing our part in the Drama of Life. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he..." the he, "that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Now there’s the point. When you have the Holy Ghost within you, and know it, and feel the Presence of God, and the Master’s Great Love, and the Fire of God is in you, and you give that to people – that is what changes them. That is what makes them real Sons of God. They feel that; feeling that they are spurred on to reach God.

And so, the greatest service that you can do, is to give people a little of God’s Presence in you. First, you have to know that, and be one with it. Having that, giving them that, give them some of the Fire of God – that’s what changes them. And that’s why the Master changed so many of us, because he gave us a little of that Spiritual Fire within us, the Holy Ghost. That is what people want. That is what they need. Give them that. And then, you will be performing the greatest service. You are the greatest value to God.

*Closing Meditation, Hymn, and Prayers*

Let us sit upright just a moment.

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee, for this communion together, in Thy Holy Spirit, in Thy Presence. Help us to feel Thy Great Fire, Thy Love; that we may give to others, not just words, but something real, something tangible. Alone, O Father, we know we can do nothing. But when Thou wilt come into us, then, according to Thy Word, all things are possible. Reveal Thyself, O Father, and be with us, in every action. Om, Peace, Amen.

Now let us rise and sing our closing song. Sing with your heart. Feel that love of God. Be one with Him. Doctor Lewis enthusiastically plays "In the Beauty of the Lilies" on the organ while the audience sings along (.mp3 audio file).

Feel Master's love now as we say our closing prayer. Feel His Presence. Remember, all Masters are one with God's Light and His Love. Feel it as we repeat together. Raise the hands.

Heavenly Father, Friend, Beloved God, Divine Mother. May Thy love shine forever on the sanctuary, of my devotion, and may I be able, to awaken Thy Love, in all hearts. Make my Soul Thy temple, make my heart Thy altar, and make my love Thy home. Be Thou the only King, reigning on the throne, of all my desires. I bow to Thee, O Father, I bow to Jesus, I bow to the great ones, and with my deepest devotion, I bow to him, who is to lead me back to Thee, the beloved Master. Om, Peace, Bliss. Amen.