



## WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT?

Temcat study

Jesus asked a very pointed question in Mark 8:36 **"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"**

What if the offer was made to you of several millions of dollars? Haven't we all often played the little mind-game; what would I do if I had...?

Well, what if you could have this huge amount, tax free, to spend as you please, and no strings attached—except ONE?

Well, you hesitate—"OK, what's the ONE string?"

The deal is this, you can have it all—for one year—and at the end of the year, you will die. No way to escape it—you WILL die. Sort of makes it look different doesn't it? A year passes very quickly! Few would want to accept this deal.

But Satan is making deals like this every day and even he is surprised at how many people jump for it.

He is telling people, "You can do whatever you like and not pay any attention to God or His Commandments; just get as much pleasure as you can out of life. Eat drink and be merry, don't bother with that healthful living stuff, that's for wimps. Don't make commitments, shun responsibility, just take what fun you can get, wherever you find it. Lie, cheat, steal, it doesn't matter as long as it makes you happy, and you get what you want."

"Don't worry about dying, you are young, you have a whole lifetime ahead of you! After all, your grandparents lived to ninety!"

But when it's over—you will DIE! There is no escaping it.

And so many fall for the deal. And oh, don't forget—The Devil is a liar and a cheat so most people don't even get their 'lifetime' of fun. Young people and even children are dying of aids, cancer, accidents, violence, etc.

Drugs and certain diseases that come from unwise indulgence can destroy your Brain—how much 'fun' do you think you have when your BRAIN is wrecked?

How much 'fun' do you have when you are hooked up to a respirator machine because your lungs are ruined from smoking cigarettes and 'pot'?

How much 'fun' is it when you are dying of liver cancer brought on by wild parties? You turn yellowish green and itch all over so badly you don't know what to do to get relief. And the PAIN! Unbelievable!

But even if you do live a lifetime of 'fun', seventy or eighty years of trouble, hassle, disappointments and gradual deterioration and the day still comes—you DIE.

Are you ready for a better offer? Jesus has one for you. Just surrender to Him and let Him direct and guide your life here. He will ask you to stay away from things He knows will only harm you. He will do some training on you to get you ready for eternity, but even in the hard times He is right there to see you through. He will teach you His ways and how to live in His Universe.

If you obey Him, you are never alone or lonely, never deserted or abandoned, and if it comes to dying—it's just a brief nap in Jesus' arms. Then AWAKE to the joy and wonder of ETERNITY in the vast universe of God!

All the troubles and disappointments, fears, pain and sorrow gone forever!

A whole vast universe of beauty and wonder to explore. And the wonder of it all is that everyone in that whole vast universe is your friend. No enemies at all. No 'Private Property', 'No Parking' or 'Keep Out', signs.

A body that is tireless, never gets hurt or sick, never wears out or gets old. A mind that can learn forever and never forget anything.

And above all, eternal fellowship with the Heavenly Father and the Creator/Saviour that loved you so much, that heaven wasn't a place to be desired when you were lost. Jesus, who poured out His life for you, so that you could have a chance to accept His better offer.

Think about it— think about it real good!