

# The Price

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## Introduction

I find this play, *The Price*, to be a sermon in itself. In fact it is one of the best plays I have ever read. This play gives a detailed report about the love of God and the consequences for the rejection of God. The Millionaire and Satan dialogue about the consequences of rejecting God. It is apparent that even Satan is more aware of the consequences of rejecting God than the Millionaire.

The Millionaire seems obsessed with greed, arrogance and selfishness, so much so that his self-centeredness had completely removed him from reality, to the point that all he saw was money and materialism. He was obsessed to the point where he would not allow anyone to convince him otherwise. He was to the point where he did not believe in God or Satan.

The Millionaire's blindness and obsession are the two main enemies of the soul. If they are not eliminated or kept under restraint, it can lead to death, which leads to hell. There is a place in scripture that says, "The day you hear my voice, harden not your heart." The Millionaire never heard that voice. His blind obsession led to a permanent hearing impairment, eternal punishment in hell. *The Price* is a powerful play that speaks to each of us.

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### *Synopsis*

The play is about an arrogant Millionaire who does not believe in God and does not accept Jesus Christ's salvation for man. The Millionaire believes man is the measure of all things and not God. He refuses to accept the fact he is in hell because he is not supposed to be there. The Millionaire believes his paperwork must have been misplaced or mixed up with someone else's, and God or someone made an mistake. He demands Satan look into the matter at once. He complains that hell is too hot for him. Satan tries to convinced the Millionaire there is no paper mix-up and hell is where he belongs. The Millionaire, not hearing any of it, tells Satan he needs better customer service in hell because he would be fired if Satan worked for him. Satan has the other residents of hell give their testimonies of why they are in hell, but the Millionaire is unconvinced.

## Note To My Readers

The purpose of writing the play *The Price*:

- To give honor and glory to the living God.
- To lead someone to Christ, strengthen our faith, affirm our faith in Christ's salvation.
- To encourage our youth ministries to stand up and speak up for Christ.
- To give warning not to allow the cares and distractions of this world to hinder us in God's work.
- To get Christians to stop and think about God's love, grace, mercy, forgiveness and our own salvation
- To sow into the Kingdom of the living God.

## Cast

Millionaire (Very arrogant)	Age: 45-55	Sin: Unbelief in God
Satan		
Annie	Age: 22-26	Sin: Hearer of the word of God but not a doer
Athlete (Part of the entertainers group)	Age: 30-35	Sin: Waste of God's talent
Deacon Jones	Age: 30-40	Sin: Stealing from God
Billy	Age: 18	Sin: No one told him about Jesus
Atheist	Age: 25	Sin: Does not believe God exists
Agnostic	Age: 30	Sin: Impossible to know God
Miss Smith	Age: 21-35	Sin: Busybody/gossips within the church
Mrs. Woodson (Vain person)	Age: 35-40	Sin: Past beauty queen

Setting: Hell

Performance Time: One Hour

“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” (Matthew 16:26)

Act One, Scene One

At Rise—Purgatory

The Millionaire enters the room proudly while Satan is sitting on his throne.

Millionaire: So I heard you wanted to speak with me.

Satan: I do. I had been expecting you sooner. But that Jesus kept giving you too many chances to repent.

Millionaire: Repent for what? Being rich?

Satan: Your heart was not right in God’s sight. You dismissed God from your life and made my job easy.

Millionaire: So?

Satan: You suffer from self-pride.

Millionaire: Look, Satan, it must be a mistake why I am here. There must be some sort of a paper mix-up.

Satan: (Laughs)

I can assure you there is no paper mix-up. You are where you are supposed to be.

Millionaire: I deserve better.

Satan: Than hell?

Millionaire: It’s not like I had a choice.

Satan: (Angrily standing up, pointing at the Millionaire)

Oh yes, but you did!

Millionaire: How so?

Satan: Serve me or God. You did not serve God.

Millionaire: What are you talking about? I served no man or God.

Satan: Then you chose me. You do not understand in your world it is only God and me.

Millionaire: Satan, I want to say to you again, I serve no man, and that includes you.

Satan: Fool, shut up. I see why you are here.

Millionaire: (Lowering his head)  
Satan, it is what it is.

Satan: (Curiously)  
Meaning?

Millionaire: I lived a rich life with no regret.

Satan: So you take pride in the way you lived?

Millionaire: And why not? If I had to do it over again, I wouldn't change anything.

Satan: Did you learn anything?

Millionaire: My life was worth it.

Satan: So you think?

Millionaire: I did not believe in heaven or hell.

Satan: What did you believe in?

Millionaire: Me.

Satan: What do you think?

Millionaire: Satan, can you turn the air on? It's a little hot in here. I'm burning up.

Satan: (Laughs)  
Sorry, the air isn't working.

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