

Jackie's Estate

In April 1996, Sotheby's auctioned the estate property of former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The prices that bidders were willing to pay exceeded by far what anyone at the auction house had expected.

A rocking chair sold for 200 times what Sotheby's estimated. A faux pearl necklace, once tugged on by the toddler John F. Kennedy Jr. in a now-famous photo, had an estimated value of \$500 to \$700 but sold for \$211,500. A textbook of French verb conjugations brought \$42,000. A humidior sold for half a million dollars.

Helyn Goldenberg of Sotheby's tried to explain the phenomenon: "This auction is merely a vehicle to get a piece of the magic, a piece of the dream. This is about a woman who was once the most admired woman in the world."

The greatness of the person increases the value of the property. In a similar way, God in His great glory brings indescribable value to His people.

What He creates is awesome.

This week, I witnessed a glorious full moon riding high in the heavens. What could that view be worth?

On Monday evening, Jimmy Rhodes, Paul Garner and I, on a trip from Gray to Elizabethton, Tennessee, admired a majestic sunset. Who could place value on such a scene?

But God's crowning creative glory was man and woman. And He paid the highest possible price, His only Son, to demonstrate His love and to have fellowship. What He gave for you makes you very valuable, indeed.

--Beecher Hunter