

Refusing Deliverance for a Glibler Objective?

These words propose a strange new philosophy of life. They introduce an approach to life and an appraisal of death that runs counter to all ordinary thinking.

The survival of the fittest is the law of life among the animal kingdom, and among men who live like animals.

Self preservation is written into the books of the learned to be the first law of nature.

We are taught that the highest good is to seek and find health, happiness and long life on this earth.

This kind of philosophy is so easy to go along with because it appeals to the physical and the carnal.

In this eleventh chapter Paul gives us two views of life, two types of victory. In one it is the victory of the overcomers in the other it is the victory of the vanquished.

In Moses case He was delivered and his enemy, Pharaoh drowned in the red sea.

Joshua was victor over all armies a mighty warrior he stopped the sun from running and the moon from going down.

Rahab was delivered when Jerico fell.

David reigned in triumph and died in glory.

Samuel lived out his days and died the idol of his people in a ripe old age.

He tells of those who quenched the violence of fire. Escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valient in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again.

Then comes the other class of the victorious.

OTHERS WERE TORTURED, NOT ACCEPTING DELIVERENCE.

that they might obtain a better resurrection.

This is a strange turn of events. The natural thing to do is to seek deliverance. That they tell us is the sum and substance of life. Nothing else matters, Deliverance when we need it is the most important thing.

But here is a people who not only didnt look for deliverance, they didnt try to find a way out of their delima they refused deliverance when it came and was offered to them.

NOT ACCEPTING DELIVERANCE is the record. They had found something better. They had drunk deeper from the fountain of life than this.

Jesus first introduced this idea into the world when he met the Devil in the wilderness tempta ion. The devil didnt know anything about that kind of devotion. He only understood the first law of nature So said he, You are hungry- you need bread. So turn these stones into bread.

Jesus in reply brought his new philosophy into light Man shall not live by bread alone. Bread is not the most important thing in life.

A new element and objective in life was introduced.

Satan had overcome Adam and Eve with this same approach He had said this tree is good for food, pleasant to the eye and desired to make one wise.

He convinced her that that food was necessary to set her free and make her completely happy.

Satan said tha God was keeping them back from something. He told them that In order for them to enjoy all that was due them, they must eat. You will not die if you eat. You will just begin to live.

Esaw reasoned when he was hungry, what good would the birthright do me if I am dead. I must eat and live. When a man has to barter and trade off his birthright to live its better to die.

Esaw dead with the birthright assigned to the honor of his name would have been a touousand times better off that alive without it.

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The right conception of true value.

That is the thing that distinguishes Christianity from all other religions.

It claims you find your life by losing it.

It claims you get by giving.

It claims you go up by going down.

It claims the way to greatness is to serve.

It claims the way to be exalted is to humble yourself

It places the virtue of giving above that of receiving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

The old idea of an eye for an eye was replaced with if thy brother smite thee on one cheek turn to him the other also.

If a man compell thee to go one mile go with him two.

Jesus desires the good fortune and prosperity of all of his children but not if virtue and birthright are sacrificed to attain it.

It is Gods will that we attain the chief good in this life and in the life to come.

He layd down the conditions and shows the extremes to which he is willing to go that we might achieve the chief good.

The popular opinion is to enjoy life with two hands two feet, two eyes.

Jesus said there is something better. If thy hand, foot or eye offend thee cut it off, pluck it out, and cast it from thee. For it is better to be lame, halt and blind in this life and be saved in heaven than to sacrifice principal and friends here and have everything cast into hell.

That principal was followed through by Jesus. When the Greeks came to him. He said except a grain of wheat fall in the ground and die it abideth alone

On the Cross again it comes out. He saved others

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himself he could not save.

When principal is at stake it is better not to accept deliverance.

Daniel would not accept deliverance. It was offered to him. All that was necessary was to close his window toward Jerusalem.

The Hebrew children would not accept deliverance. All that was necessary was to fall down and join the band wagon when the music started.

Joseph would not accept deliverance. All that was necessary was to sacrifice his purity of soul and give up a good conscience.

These people had deliverance offered them but they did not accept it. This deliverance had some strings tied to it.

There was an afterwards to this kind of freedom.

There was an afterwards to the freedom that Eve bought by eating the forbidden fruit.

There was an afterwards to Esau's trade.

There is an afterwards to the sacrifice of any principal.

The rugged individualists who blazed the trail of Pentecostal Holiness across this nation would not accept deliverance from the persecution that came to them. They stood up and fought for principal for conviction, and for holiness until they died and they won for us and the world if they will have a glorious heritage and victory.

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