

Dean Taylor - Part 2

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Transcript

They're starting to ask why. And when the people were coming to the camp, the elder of Israel said, wherefore, or why, hath the Lord smitten us today? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the shadow unto us, that when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hands of our enemies. It's just like the time he's passed.

We go back to our old traditions. We go back and look at those old promises, those old things, when Balaam was banished this time from the city of Sheol. It says, although I hope they had something when they first arrived, all Israel shouted with a great shout till the earth only could cry out its revival.

As a matter of fact, they stared at the Philistines. They were staring, and they finally fixed it. And in verse 10, when the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent.

For there fell of Israel thirty thousand, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. And there ran a man, a bidgeon, out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day in his clothes red, and was burned upon his head. He saw what was happening, and he burned him, and wore them up, and at that time they were ruined.

And when the day broke, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside at this time. And when he came, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching for his heart. And when the man came, and when the man came, and when Eli heard the noise and cried, he said, What is the noise? And the man came and hastened.

And the man said to Eli, I am the king of the army. And I fled the day out of the army. And he said, Why does it have to be my son? And the messenger answered and said, Israel is spread before the persons.

And there came a great slaughter among the people. And by two sons half being finished, they came to pass. When he made mention, he was lost to sons, Eli was lost to sons, but this part, when he made mention of the ark of the covenant, he fell from off the seat, and his neck break, and he died.

And her influence of living with faith, nevertheless, she still had a heart to grow over these things, and said that his daughter-in-law, whom he supplied as his child, needed to be delivered. And when she heard the tidings, that the ark of God was speaking, and that her father-in-law had come to her death, she found herself secure. And about the time of her death, she was able to have a child.

And about the time of her death, she had a woman that stood by her, a midwife, that said to her, Oh, fear not, for thou hast borne a son. You don't have to die, these are good things, you've borne a son. But she actually did not mean that she should even regard that she had a son.

And she named him, saying, And then it ends and I will not be ungrateful." He repeats this to another prophet, Jeremiah. In Jeremiah chapter 9 verse 23, so listen preachers, in Jeremiah chapter 9 verse 23, listen to me, God says to the Lord, let not the wise stand in glory, neither let the mind be vanity. Let not the rich man glory in his richness, but let him be the glory that he understands and knows me, that I exercise love and kindness.

For in these things I do. Jesus said, in John chapter 7 verse 18, get over me. We can no longer believe God or act like we believe or begin to trust in this movement that's happening, where the ability of a man, he brings our need for prayer to God.

When I first started church there, and went to go to Christian Fellowship there in the church, and we were being planted out there, Brother Mark Rubaker and I went to Richard Baxter's, and in there he talks about many things that can vex the church, and many things that can vex the ministry, and can hurt the ministry. And one of the things that Richard Baxter really points out, and he said this, and it spoke to my heart, here's a quote from that book, he says this about pride in ministry, he said, oh what a comfort, what a time, what a sloth, what a slut. It goes with everyone you know, to buy a home, to buy clothes, et cetera.

It chooses the clothes one wears in their attribute and fashion, and I wish to think how frequently does it go with us to our supper, and dance and sit with us, and do our work, how often does it choose our preaching subject, and more frequently still our words and manner of preaching. What he can do is not all, nor the worst, I think he can get any worse than this, at all. And everything should be said of pride in ministry, that they are set upon popular knowledge, and I'm saying pride, and then his estimation, estimation, that God has given them his gifts, that they may walk his way.

You know, I often think of, you know, there in the Transfiguration, it says in Matthew chapter 17, it is good for us to be here, thoughtless, not to follow that kind of state. You know, I'm mortified at the Apostle Paul. He somehow, many times, was able to think, sometimes when he had to say something, something has to be said, because there was something that was just guided to the execution of, but Paul realized that with

all the revelations that was given, they would work as ministry.

A very powerful, powerful passage in 2 Corinthians 12, verse 7, Paul says this about himself, how he seems to speak of himself sometimes there, we all know it was Paul. In 2 Corinthians chapter 12, verse 7, Paul says, unless that I should be the messenger of Satan to Buckley, unless that I should be Saul, some of the trouble that was happening in his life, this is true, for this being my disciple, Lord Christ, that he might depart from me, and he said unto me, God said unto me, for my strength, most gladly, therefore, will I run the glory in my eternities, with the power of Christ. Therefore I take pleasure in my infirmities, in reproaches, in assessments, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake, for when I believe, knowing God gives us these things, and I am convinced, and I am more and more convinced this every day, that God does not give us these salvations, these sanctifications, this wisdom, this anything, God does not give us anything that we can get our pockets, for life is certain.

I love this analogy given by Evan Hopkins, he was a big peasant man, and Evan Hopkins gives an example, one day, at lunch, he had a candle, and it was a candle, and you see the light on your hand, that we can't hold those things up, everything is up, Paul understood that, when we have that sort of thing, it creates The second thing that I see, that kills your Bible, is sin. You know, again, we've heard it over and over, and almost without exception, almost every one of the speakers I have heard have dealt directly with sin, have dealt directly with the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, have almost without exception, have dealt with this idea of, when there's sin, when there's sin, God wants to deal with us. But when a revival starts to happen, it begins to be turned the top and tail of you, you know how many things our brother David gave, lower and lower, and it was given by Jonathan Goforth, that Jonathan Goforth, he says, God was there, God was there, you could not escape, he says, they had hindered, it was not God's will to let things go down in your house, God never got weary in well doing, there was sin somewhere that hindered God's movement in the world, God is the same as that, and then also speaking of sin.

Did not God lead him there? Did not I lead him there? Did not your life lead him there?

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