

Sinking Ship - Does Jesus Care?

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God cares about us and allows suffering to refine us and bring us closer to Him.

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Description

The preacher delves into the Greek word 'analuō,' which means to depart or return, often used as a euphemism for 'to die' in Philippians 1:23. In secular Greek, 'analuō' was used to describe the loosing of a ship's anchor or striking one's tent when breaking camp, symbolizing the departure from this earthly life. Paul, a tent maker by trade, compared the human body to a tent in 2 Corinthians, emphasizing the transition from this temporary dwelling to an eternal home with God. Various biblical and secular references highlight 'analuō' as a departure to a better world, a setting sail to a more blessed existence, and a solving of life's questions upon death.

Transcript

That is the question we asked, no doubt, in a spirit of complaint. "If you loved us, Lord, then rescue us." How soon they began to doubt Him! How soon they were ready to rebel, even though they called Him Master! . . . "Does God care? If He does, why doesn't He rescue me? The waves are beating upon the ship of my life and it is full, and He knows I cannot take much more of this. Master, carest Thou not that we are perishing?"

. . . There is no such thing as a law of nature that operates on its own. Behind every law that operates is the power of God, and when we speak about the law of nature we are describing the way in which God works. . . . God is permitting to continue to operate within the sphere of the human body the ordinary laws of destruction. . . He is behind every law that He ever made. That is why you will find that many a Christian who has gone through times of untold suffering and trouble has suddenly changed this question, "Master, carest Thou not that I perish?" and has been enabled to say, "This is the Lord's doing; let Him do that which is good in His sight." For he has come to see that God does not permit the overwhelming of the storm to touch one of His children except He has a purpose in it.

. . . . Gold is poured into the furnace because it is gold and has to be refined; you do not put rubbish into that kind of furnace. Corn is threshed because it is corn, but you do not bother to do that with weeds. A diamond of exceptional beauty and quality is going to undergo far more cutting than any other stone because the owner desires more of its beauty (Learning to Live, p. 50-52).

Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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