

The Deeper Life - Part 1

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I. Hebrews 6:1-2.

A. One of the great problems is the static Christian.

1. It was a problem in the early church.
2. It is a problem today.
3. The static Christian whose progress is retarded.

a. Growth is stunted.

b. Morality is hindered.

B. The voice of God is calling us beyond the elementary things.

1. The first things must firmly be established first.

II. The deeper life.

A. A complete forsaking of the world.

1. It is entirely possible to be religious and not to have forsaken the world at all.

a. The example of a man who wanted to postpone his execution because it was on a religious holiday of his.

2. It is possible to forsake the world externally and not forsake it internally at all.

a. The examples of the monks and ascetics who were primarily concerned with an outward conformity.

b. It is a forsaking of the world in your heart that makes you unworldly. It is entirely possible to put on religious garbs and be entirely worldly.

c. We cannot sanctify something by saying we are doing it for Jesus. We can only do the things for Jesus and God that they sanction.

3. It is never possible to forsake the world in your spirit and not in reality.

a. The example of Noah who went in spirit and fact.

b. The example of Abraham who went out in spirit and fact.

4. We live in the same world that crucified Jesus - Adam is always Adam.

- a. We have compromised.
- b. There are very few people today that are in any way embarrassed for the world.
- c. A church walking with God will never be accepted by the community - it will always be looked at as being off centered.

B. A complete turning to Jesus Christ.

- 1. There is a negative and a positive side to things - electricity, a coin, etc.
- 2. There too is a negative turning against the world and a positive turning toward Jesus.
 - a. You cannot cut a side out.
 - b. This turning from the world and to Christ is one motion.
- 3. To be blessed, we must wait for the Son.
 - a. There was never a happy man not taken up with the Son.
 - b. The deeper life is an unspeakable thing of glory.
 - c. All the natural things which God created to be done will all be sanctified when the Lord is at the center.
 - 1) Common things become things done for the glory of God.
 - 2) The secular disappears.

Application questions.

1. The speaker says that a great problem of the church is the static Christian. What does he mean by this? Do you agree?

2. Describe what forsaking the world is. What are some things that pretend to forsake worldliness but in reality adopt it? Why is this so?

3. Why must there be both a turning from the world and a turning to Jesus? Reflect: is your happiness taken up with the Son of God in every aspect of your life? Share your thoughts with another.
