

Beware of the Easy Way



Psalm 34:17-19

“Oh for the good old days”..



Modern conveniences make life easier..

Life now in the digital age..



We expect our Christianity to be convenient..

The righteous cry out..

- Psalm 34:17-19 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. ¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Examples of the Easy Way

- Lot chose the easy way.. Genesis 13:10-13
- Abraham & Sarah helping God .. Gen 16:1-4
- Moses chose the hard path.. Heb 11:24-26
- David refused the easy choice.. 1 Sam 24:3-7
- Satan offered Jesus the world.. Matt 4:8-10
- Jesus chose the path of the cross.. Heb 5:8

The Purpose in Hardship

- God's ways are not like ours..
- We are refined like gold.. 1 Pet 1:7-8
- Trials develop godly qualities.. James 1:2-3
- We are to follow Jesus' example.. 1 Pet 2:21
- Through patience we have hope.. Rom 5:3-5

Applying it to our life..

- We cannot make the Christian life easier than God has appointed .. Acts 14:22
- Applying diligence in our work.. Col 3:22
- Don't take the easy way in marriage and family.. Mark 10:9; Prov 23:13-14
- Don't settle for the easy way in salvation.. Heb 2:3

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