

ON THE OTHER HAND

Matthew 4:6-7



THE TRUTH IS KNIT TOGETHER

- Single passages aren't meant to speak the whole truth (Psa. 119:160).
- Some would like to set one passage up as the one that needs no balance (eg. Eph. 2:8).
- Sometimes it is right to simply address what a passage does not mean (Psa. 91:11-12; Deut. 6:16; cf. Heb. 11:32-38).
- This doesn't mean that scripture contradicts, but it does balance (Rev. 5:6-12; 1:16; 19:15-21; Ex. 34:5-7).

MAINTAINING BALANCE

- There are going to be some truths that are more foundational (Matt. 23:23).
- Some ideas will need to be harmonized not pit against each other (Lk. 14:26; Eph. 6:1-3; 4:15; Acts 7).
- We can go too far in ANY direction (Deu. 5:32).
- This is not a call to balance scripture with the world but to balance scripture with scripture.