

Life is valuable

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Life is important.

2 Samuel 23:13-17

Then three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam, while the troop of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim. David was then in the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!" So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the Lord; and he said, "Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

People make cheap the lives of others - life is not cheap, it's precious.

David wanted the water like a pregnant woman wanting coke at 02h00 in the morning.

It wasn't a need.

Because of their high regard for David, they went in danger of their lives to fetch him the water.

We have no idea if the real value of water.

Judah was a semi desert.

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and he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it.

The water resembled the lives of the people who went out to fetch it.

It was valuable.

Life is valuable.

Why? Because it comes from God, that is why it is valuable.

That is why lives cannot be wasted.

The king (David) was not worthy to take a life, he is just another person.

We are not worthy to mess up another life.

Life does not belong to us to break down and mess up just for our desires.

Life belongs to God.

God is the only One who can give life - if you cannot give life, you cannot take life.

Revelations 22:9

But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

God can tell us what to do with our lives.

God is the only One with full authority over your life and my life.

He is the only One who can tell us who to marry, where to work etc.

Romans 14:7-8

For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Colossians 3:2

Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Worship should be God-focused, not man-focused.

Not "I worship You, so bless me".

Our lives belong to God.

When a person turns his back on God, he takes his life away from God - Whom it belongs to.

When we get born again, we give our lives back to God and God says "I will make you a steward of this life that belongs to Me".

All life belongs to God.

Life is valuable, to us and to God.

Jesus died on our behalf so that we can belong to God and our relationship can be restored.