

Trusting in God or Our Systems

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It's often easier for us to trust in the system we have made for any undertaking than it is to trust God. As good as it is to have a plan or strategies and disciplines in raising children, we must beware of works righteousness. It's not about our brilliant system but rather it is all about our God.

Some are in utter despair today because their children are now over forty years old and they are not doing as well as they had desired them to. They look back blaming themselves for not having a good system in place for raising their children.

Our hope is in God alone, not the system. God is Sovereign, not the system. The providence of God is more powerful than your system. The sovereignty of God is the authority and the ability of God to make things happen and His providence is the way He governs His creation. I believe it is idolatrous to trust the system in the name of God.

There is hope for our children. Jacob was a man who had encountered God in raising twelve children. One may argue that they were children raised in a godly home. Jacob, like everybody else was not a perfect man. Though he was a man of the covenant yet most of his children were murderers, slave traders and dangerous men. One of His sons, Joseph, grew up in a Pagan household in Egypt yet with integrity and respect. His brothers were criminals and irresponsible while Joseph in a Pagan culture was next to the King of the land. The elder children would have been fifty plus years old and still living with Daddy, while Joseph who was younger was ruling in a pagan culture without his dad.

Genesis 42:1-2 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt Jacob said unto his sons, why do you look upon one another?

Pitiful that fifty years old children, still living with their Dad, had no clue what to do in the midst of famine without Dad. Not even one of them had any idea what to do. These children were raised in a godly home for Christ sake. No initiative no brain, nothing. Here were grown men who were raised up by godly parents and they did not know what to do. Then we see Joseph. He was basically raised among pagans and yet here he was feeding the whole world. Those ones that were raised by a Patriarch were clueless while one who grew up in a pagan culture was thriving.

It's really necessary to raise children the way that is right but never in the absence of trusting God. Your wayward children are still in the hands of THE sovereign God.

Jacob's children were dumbfounded in the midst of famine at the age of fifty until their father said, Genesis 42:2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. KJV

In other words he's saying, why are you grown up boys sitting around like bunch of fools. Don't you realize that I am too old to be running around to feed you. Get up and travel to Egypt to get us some food. This in my judgment is pathetic. I therefore conclude to affirm faith in the providence of God is the solution to all earthly troubles. Let us not give up hope in the Sovereignty of God. He is in control not the system we put in place. Amen