

THE KING IN THE GALLERIES 18

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DENY: aparneomai {ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee}
to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone

to forget one's self, lose sight of one's self and one's own interests

The cross was an instrument of violent and painful execution. To "take the cross" was to carry the horizontal beam (the patibulum) of the cross out to the site of execution, usually past a jeering mob. In rhetorically strong terms, Jesus describes what all true disciples must be ready for: if they follow him, they must be ready to face literal scorn on the road to eventual martyrdom, for they must follow to the cross. From the moment of faith believers must count their lives forfeit for the kingdom.

HEBREWS 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

ROMANS 12:1

1 ¶ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

ROMANS 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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MATTHEW 16:25

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

59-0612 ALL.THE.DAYS.OF.OUR.LIFE_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_

E-23 **I believe that Christian life is a continual sacrifice.**

"He that will come after me, let him deny himself daily (every day, not forty-six days, but every day), take up his cross and follow Me," said Jesus. Not just forty-six, but every day...

Christian life is one continually Lenten.

Oh, how the Christian loves to do it. **He doesn't do it with a--a grudge; he does it with a feeling that he loves God; and he's glad he can do it.** It's a joy to serve the Lord Jesus. It's a joy to sacrifice. It's a joy to worship the Lord. It's a joy to be called a fanatic for the Kingdom of God's sake. It's a joy to take a stand for the right, and move from the wrong. Joy to praise Him. It's a joy to abstain from the things of the world. It's in their heart. **It's a perfect Lent. Lenten all the time. God's Spirit comes into you and changes your desire.**

63-0605 GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE_ TUCSON.AZ WEDNESDAY_

38 The church needs, tonight, not a soft hybrid something, soft and flabby like the church is, just make a confession, be baptized, and you're--you're a Christian. **To be a Christian is self-denial. "Deny yourself. Take up your cross. Follow Me daily."** Today it's so soft, and people call themselves Christians. When, it used to mean death, to confess Christ, and you had to depend on Him daily for everything you had need of.

MARK 10:17

17 ¶ And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

MARK 10:18

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

MARK 10:19

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

MARK 10:20

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

MARK 10:21

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

MARK 10:22

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

MARK 10:23

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

LUKE 9:23

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

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53-1110 I.WILL.RESTORE_ OWENSBORO.KY TUESDAY_

E-41 And if Jesus was considered a holy-roller Himself... **He died on the cross as a heretic.** And the early Church was considered a bunch of nitwits. Paul told Agrippa, "In the way that's called heresy, so worship I the God of our fathers." I'm glad tonight to join with and say, "In the way that's called holy-rollers, crazy, nonsense, idiotic worship, I'll worship Jesus Christ in the power of His resurrection by the Holy Ghost." Amen.

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24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

LUKE 14:26

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

LUKE 14:27

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

63-0607 BE.NOT.AFRAID_ TUCSON.AZ FRIDAY_

105 And what a--what a mix-up the people has got in, today, that, think that, that Christianity is one of the softest things. "All they do is put their name on a book, and have somebody to sprinkle them, or something another, and give the minister the right hand of fellowship. And that's all there is to it. Go on out." That's not Christianity.

106 **Christianity is self-denial. "Take up your cross daily. Follow Him." Die out, to the things of the world.....**

56-0615 AN.EXODUS_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN FRIDAY_
E-19.....SPEAKING OF MOSES

Notice, he failed, miserably failed, and run into the desert for another forty years while God had him back on the backside of the desert, where he married this Ethiopian woman: Zipporah. And she was high tempered. Moses was too, so I guess there was some little trouble on the backside of the desert once in a while. **Don't turn your wife down 'cause she's got a little temper. Maybe that's your cross.** God might've give it to kinda keep you lined up: same thing with you women to your husbands. Stick together: promised God you would, so stay with it.....

63-0803B INVESTMENTS_ CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-5 SATURDAY_

120 But let's think, this morning, that this is a special day that we are presented, as business people, to make an investment in Jesus Christ; to give up, be ready, and just forsake everything that there is, that's dear to this world, that we might find the treasures of Heaven. As Jesus told him, **"And come, follow Me, take up your cross."**

121 Not take up your popularity, where everybody saying, "Certainly, doctor, come right in. It's such a great thing to have you here. Oh, the deacon, you fine..."

122 **See, it's a cross.** And you, they might call you "crazy, heresy." And as Paul, you could testify, "In the way that's called 'heresy,' that's the way I worship the God of our Fathers." See? We've had other men before us, who had to make these decisions.