

The Man Who Carried an Unnecessary Load

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"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" 1 Peter 5:7.

I looked it up in some of the other translations. Moffatt put's it: "Let all your anxieties fall upon Him; for His interest is in you" 1 Peter 5:7, Moffatt.

Now, this thought of anxiety there, where it says, casting all your care upon Him, it runs through about all the different translations because that is what the word translated "care" there means. It is a different word than "He careth for you."

Well there it is in all those different renderings. The idea is to turn loose of the burden, turn loose of the anxiety, the worry; cast it on Him; turn it over to Him; toss it at His feet. Let all your anxieties fall upon Him. Oh, how good it is to come to God and let Him take the load. Aren't you thankful, friends?

And wouldn't it be too bad if in coming to Jesus we should be like the man who is reported to have done this. It is said that he was going along the road, as men used to a great deal more a hundred years ago than they do now, just walking from place to place and with a pack on his back.

Some farmer coming along, offered him a ride. He got up in the wagon and there they sat behind the horses as the horses trotted along. And the farmer happened to glance at his side and noticed that this stranger still had his pack over his shoulders. And so he asked him,

"Well, why not just put that there in the back of the wagon?"

And the story has it that the man replied, "Since you have been so kind as to carry me, I ought to at least carry my load."

But oh, my dear friends, how many thousands and thousands there are that come to Jesus and do precisely that. They have given themselves to Jesus and they believe that Jesus is carrying them and will continue to carry them to the kingdom. They expect to land some day at the pearly gates, and there lay their burdens down, having carried them all the way.

But oh, what a load that is, my friends. What a load! And all the while the One who is carrying us invites us to cast all our burdens, all our anxieties upon Him because He is carrying for us. I will tell you friends, unless we do this we will fail in some of these ABC's of solving problems. We will be so pressed down under the load of them that we will not be able to function efficiently in carrying out this ABC.