

HERETIC FAUST ON THE RESURRECTION

We need to look at Joey Faust's excerpted quotes in regard to the "resurrection" of our bodies to see yet another heresy of the Faustites. We also need to look at Joey Faust's heresy that carnal believers do not get a glorified bodies at the rapture and that they only get raised but not resurrected at the rapture (only to die again). Christian, per Joey Faust, you may have to wait until the second resurrection for your new immortal body. – **Herb Evans**

Resurrection Quotes from Faust/Evans Point/Counterpoint Debates in E-mail Post Exchanges

Herb Evans: "Now, you also have to make the one group to have resurrected glorified bodies, while the other group has their old body, even though to accomplish that the old body must also reassemble like the glorified body.

Joey Faust: The resurrection of the body unto Millennial glory is called a "sowing." There is a difference in glory among seeds that are sown. Some bear much fruit (glory). Others shine with lesser glory. And some seeds are raised a plant with no fruit (glory). Believers who are raised and found unworthy of Kingdom glory at the Judgment Seat will be chastised and banished to hell until the GWT. They will not shine in glory until the final end, on the Last Day.

These promises of the Lord teach that the believer will be raised up to experience eternal life on the LAST DAY (John 6), which Jesus Himself refers to the day lost people are also raised up to perish. Therefore, the LAST DAY is the day of the Great White Throne, which is AFTER the Millennium. – Joey Faust . . . The LAST DAY is the day when lost Pharisees will be judged. This is the CONTEXT of the comforting resurrection promises (through belief alone) upon which Herb's arguments are based:

John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the LAST DAY. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the LAST DAY.

John 12:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the LAST DAY. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, HATH eternal life; and I will raise him up at the LAST DAY.

The context in every passage is FAITH ALONE, which allows a believer to live forever at the GREAT WHITE THRONE. But Hebrews teaches that there is another day called the SEVENTH DAY which we are to enter by faith and PATIENCE. It is the Millennium (Hebrews 4). Paul labored to attain unto this early resurrection "if by any means" (Philippians 3:11). Herb never deals with such arguments in my book. It would mean that he would have to READ it. I do believe there will be others, with less apparent laziness, who will take the time to read the book.

The promise is qualified by the LAST DAY. This is the Great White Throne (John 12). This promise no more negates chastisement during the Millennium than it negates scourging in this life (1 Corinthians 11). I therefore fully accept the literal words of the promise and use it as one of the main proof-texts in my book! It shows that by faith alone we are only promised a resurrection unto eternal life on the Last Day. -- Joey Faust

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"And WHOSOEVER liveth and believeth in me SHALL NEVER DIE . . . -- John 11:26."* – Herb Evans

This promise, if taken in **the way Herb interprets it**, would mean [says who] no believer can be slain by God in this life (1 Corinthians 11)! Yet, believers can be temporarily scourged with death in this life (the age of grace and mercy). They may certainly experience the same at the Judgment Seat (the day of reward according to works). The above promise is conditioned by the word LIVE. However, if one wishes to define "live" as positional life (instead of the daily walk of the believer, abiding in Christ), then the promise applies to the LAST DAY:

John 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the LAST DAY. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

It no more means that a believer may not perish during the Millennium than it means a believer may not perish in this life. Almost every other Scripture Herb quotes, simply promises a believer that he has eternal life and will be raised up on the LAST DAY. At other times, Herb quotes a promise that has manifest conditions and warnings in the same context! – Joey Faust

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"Born-again believers at the JSOC have everlasting life and are IN CHRIST. They will NEVER DIE again. They will be presented WITHOUT SPOT and WITHOUT WRINKLE and WITHOUT BLEMISH and FAULTLESS, for GOD IS ABLE to PRESENT them as such."* – Herb Evans

Herb has never been able to find any verse that teaches that some believers cannot be temporarily slain at the Judgment Seat. He has found many verses that speak of eternal salvation and resurrection on the LAST DAY. And we are thankful for them. We would have to embrace Arminianism if they were not present in the Bible. The fact that God is ABLE to present believers without spot and blemish at the Judgment Seat does not mean that every Christian will avail themselves of God's power!: -- Joey Faust

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"Joey, a split rapturist (careful not to use the words 'raised' and 'translated,' instead of 'raptured' or 'resurrected,') believes the carnal will eventually be raptured AFTER the thousand year kingdom." – Herb Evans*

Herb wrongly equates the words "rapture" and "resurrection." Enoch was TRANSLATED, but he was never RESURRECTED. Lazarus was RAISED from the dead, but he was never TRANSLATED. And he certainly was not raised NEVER TO DIE AGAIN. I believe that living Christians who watch in holiness may be translated before the tribulation period. Those who are still alive near the end of the tribulation period will be translated at that time. I believe the carnal Christians that do not repent will have to wait until AFTER the Millennium to be resurrected to live eternally. They are not "raptured" at the end of the Millennium. -- Joey Faust

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"The real implication here is that the carnal believers, by Joey's theory, are railroaded before they are judged. They are denied a mortal body, when they are raptured before the JSOC (without an official determination)." – Herb Evans*

I am not sure what Herb means by "raptured" here. But the degree of glory they earned in life will indeed shine forth in the BODY of the believers. There is a degree of confidence (or shame) a believer may have BEFORE he is judged, based upon his or her conscience. The exact nature of the body a carnal believer will be raised in at the Judgment Seat is open to debate and conjecture. I only maintain that the carnal believer (in whatever type of body he is raised in) may then experience the TERROR of the Lord, and be banished to the underworld during the Millennium as described in Luke 12, Mark 9, Matthew 18, 2 Corinthians 5:9-11, Revelation 2:11, Ephesians 5, etc. -- Joey Faust

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"The crowns that are outlined above have nothing to do with obtaining neither a resurrection nor any entrance into the Millennial kingdom nor escaping punishment from a Baptist purgatory, hell, or lake of fire." – Herb Evans*

The apostle Paul identified the PRIZE with the first resurrection and Millennial reign . . . Paul tells us that he strives for the resurrection, which he later calls the PRIZE. He uses the same word elsewhere, where he likewise tells us he is striving for it . . . In Philippians Paul says he labors, if by any means he may win the prize, which he links to being resurrected. In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul says he labors to obtain the prize, and tells other believers to also run for it. He tells us that those who do not obtain the prize, will be CASTAWAY . . .

The Bible says the crowns are conditional. The various adjectives applied to the crown (life, glory, righteousness) are all summed up in what the crown represents. The crown represents a KINGDOM. It represents LIVING and reigning with Christ in GLORY during the Millennium, which is a REWARD for being experientially RIGHTEOUS. Herb's apparent idea that ALL Christians receive some type of crown, regardless of their degree of service, is without foundation. Herb argues that surely every Christians will have "something" worth praising. But this fails to realize that the manner in which a Christian has been living at rapture or right before death plays a big part in the Christian's judgment (Luke 12:45). This principle of judgment is also seen in the OT: -- Joey Faust

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"Paul was running in a RACE and pressing toward the MARK of the high calling of God, i.e., the MASTERY PRIZE. He was not in a race for the resurrection nor the kingdom nor was Paul concerned about losing the resurrection nor the kingdom." – Herb Evans*

Herb does not DEFINE what the MASTERY PRIZE is! He simply tells us that (even though Paul linked the prize and the resurrection) the prize is NOT the first resurrection. He offers no proof. He does not attempt to explain what Paul means by RESURRECTION. The reader is to simply understand that when Herb says something is NOT, it is NOT! Herb says Paul was not in a race for the KINGDOM. But notice the following verses:

All believers do not live godly, and all believers do not suffer persecution. Therefore, all believers will not reign. Christians who do not let their light shine before men, and who will not witness, will not reign when Christ appears. The various KINGDOM warnings to the saints in 1 Corinthians 6, Galatians 5, and Ephesians 5, also make this point clear. -- Joey Faust

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"Joey's second mistake is to think that to ATTAIN UNTO the resurrection means the same thing as to ATTAIN the resurrection. Joey interprets 'ATTAIN' in the sense of Paul must 'ACQUIRE' his special non carnal resurrection by some human effort such as some kind of the ascetic suffering, rather than to ARRIVE or REACH that resurrection (the correct meaning)." -- Herb Evans*

Now **Herb** is venturing out a little deeper. Notice how he must first create a straw man in order to build up his hypothesis. He mocks what he calls "ascetic suffering." But there is nothing in the Bible or my book that says anything about being a monk or a hermit! The Bible teaches us to live godly, and preach the Word. When we do this faithfully, the suffering (against the flesh, the Devil, and the world) will occur naturally. Herb, because he will not believe or accept anything other than what he has known and preached for years, must do anything he can to escape Philippians 3:11. He tells us that "attain unto" means "arrive or reach." Yet, in an AMAZING display of contorted ducking and twisting, Herb then implies that this "reaching" is WITHOUT EFFORT on Paul's part! Webster's 1828 dictionary defines "attain" in the following manner: "1. To reach; to come to or arrive at, by motion, bodily exertion, or efforts towards a place or object."

Herb Evans: Implies? Implies? Where does Herb imply that? Obviously, since Paul buffeted his body, the reaching is not without effort in that Paul wanted to attain *UNTO A BETTER* resurrection in the best possible shape. But it does not teach that the resurrection itself is acquired by such efforts. No, Herb was not implying that; that is another of your straw man, Joey. Herb teaches to struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and heretics for a *BETTER* resurrection (Heb. 11:35)—not for continuous eternal life.

Joey Faust: If words mean anything, the words mean that Paul is doing EVERYTHING HE CAN to walk by the Spirit and FIGHT for this resurrection!:

Herb Evans: That is Joey spin. Paul was not fighting to obtain the resurrection; he was fighting to reach the resurrection in good shape, to a *BETTER* resurrection, if you please (Heb. 11:35). Paul knew that he had eternal life and expected to be in the first resurrection and get a new body, just as I do. Since Joey Faust does not know whether he will make the first resurrection and the millennial kingdom, he must manipulate the resurrections.

Joey Faust: Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his SUFFERINGS, being made conformable unto his death; 11 IF BY ANY MEANS I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

I confess that I do not know what the phrase "if by any means" (coming right after Paul's testimony that he wants to suffer with Christ) can MEAN if it does not clearly and simply state that Paul is doing everything he can to "attain unto" the resurrection! A little "comparing Scripture with Scripture."

Acts 27:12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, IF BY ANY MEANS they MIGHT ATTAIN TO Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

They did not reach Phenice. They did not experience Phenice. They did not land in Phenice. They did not attain unto Phenice. They did not have part IN Phenice. They did not touch Phenice. They did not enter Phenice. They were CASTAWAYS. They were SHIPWRECKED (see 1 Timothy 1:19). It therefore follows that Paul labored that "if by any means" he might "attain unto" the RESURRECTION. This certainly means that he labored so he could EXPERIENCE the resurrection and have part in it.

Herb Evans: Simply, the best made plans of mice and men not to reach Phenice, so does Joey compares reaching Phenice with the resurrection? Therefore, in Joey's syllogistic boondoggle, Paul may not really attain or experience or have part in the first resurrection, if he did not comply with Joey's criteria. Can Joey mean that the carnal will NEVER attain unto the resurrection? Even at the *GWTJ*? Or could it mean that the carnal and the non carnal saints will attain the resurrection by *ANY MEANS*? Still, attaining *TO* Phenice is not the same as attaining *UNTO* the resurrection. Nice try, Joey Faust!

Joey Faust: Herb writes: *"All believers will have NEW glorified bodies. There are NO mortal bodies at the JSOC."* – **Herb Evans**

What would it prove if believers had bodies that were NOT subject to earthly death at the Judgment Seat? Would this mean that God's FIERY BREATH could not burn them? – Joey Faust

Herb Evans: Yes, as a matter of fact, it does mean that. God does not burn glorified bodies. And God's *BREATH*, that is a fabrication and figment of Joey Faust's imagination and science fiction.

Joey Faust: Would this mean that GOD could not send them to Hell? Did not God already cast down some ANGELS and lock them in Hell (2 Peter 2:4)? Do angels have bodies like mortal men on earth? Therefore, even if we allowed that there was some CHANGE in the body of EVERY Christian at the Judgment Seat, this would no more mean that they were immune to God's chastisement, than angels or the DEVIL himself, is immune to God's punishments!:

Herb Evans: The angels were not redeemed or saved and did not have glorified bodies. Only Jesus had a glorified body, and it was able to go through walls. It is not a question of what God could or can do. It is a question of whether God lies to us or breaks His word. God did not promise the devil or angels eternal life apart from hell; He did promise us eternal life apart from hell.

Joey Faust: On the other hand, Herb assumes that the verses he quotes to attempt to prove that every Christian will have an immortal body, are without any conditions. But this fails to realize that all promises must be compared and checked by other Scriptures. There are many verses that appear to teach that there are no conditions in regard to answered prayer. But when we examine the rest of Scripture, we find that there are qualifications. The promises God gave the Israelites concerning the promised land do not immediately appear to contain conditions. Yet, the generation to whom the promises were given, were overthrown in the wilderness! The New Testament repeatedly warns us about such historic realities:

Herb Evans: Herb realizes that there are only two kinds of bodies available to us. Mortal and immortal, unless Joey can give us a third from scripture. Joey's desperate attempt, trying to gainsay God's promises, is readily apparent as he tries to place *CONDITIONS* on everything. Joey is the best commentary on what he believes. All one must do is drag the *SHOCK THEOLOGY* out of him with which he deals.

Additional Resurrection Quotes from Joey Faust's Book

“Everyone that has ‘part’ in the **First Resurrection** will reign. This at once refutes the common idea that the only thing Christians can forfeit is a reign in the kingdom. Christians can lose the millennial kingdom itself.” -- *Joey Faust, p. 148, pre published book; The Rod: Will God Spare It? - p. 185*

“Having part in the **First Resurrection** is linked with kingdom entrance and reign. Both are **conditional** blessings for Christians **based upon conduct.**” -- *Joey Faust, p. 152 - pre published book; The Rod: Will God Spare It? - p. 188*

“It is important to realize that ‘having part’ in the **First Resurrection** does not just consist of being raised momentarily from the dead or judgment. **It consists of being raised from the dead never to die again.**” -- *Joey Faust, p. 153 - pre published book; The Rod: Will God Spare It? - p. 190*

“Paul was striving for the **First Resurrection**. He shows the First Resurrection is **conditioned upon suffering with Christ**. It is called a ‘prize.’ A prize is something one is to win”; [Phil. 3:11-14; 1 Cor. 9:24-27] -- *Joey Faust, p. 153, pre published book; The Rod: Will God Spare It? - p. 189*

“Nevertheless, **all Christians will not stay alive**. All Christians will not be found worthy to obtain ‘that world’ and the ‘resurrection from the dead.’ **Since they will die again, they do not ‘have part’ in that Resurrection.**” – *Joey Faust, p. 154, pre published book; The Rod: Will God Spare It? - p. 191*

“**Many Christians will be raised only to die again**. They will be hurt of the ‘second death’ and will miss the kingdom for 1000 years. These Christians will be raised to immortality at the Great White Throne [second resurrection] after the millennium . . . These Christians missed the First Resurrection and the kingdom reign. They were hurt of the second death [lake of fire] and **had to die again** at the judgment seat of Christ. They receive the resurrection of life (to immortality) on the Last Day, which occurs after the millennium.” -- *Joey Faust, p. 159, 160, pre published book; The Rod: Will God Spare It? - p. 195, 196*

“**Only a select number of Christians (not all) will be raised to reign in the millennial kingdom**. The remainder will fail to receive this great prize.” -- *Joey Faust, p. 161, pre publication book; The Rod: Will God Spare It? p. 197*

– *Compiled by Herb Evans*