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Exodus 14:12

“Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians. For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.” Exodus 14:12

A person who has tasted genuine liberty and freedom would never speak such words! What we are hearing in this verse is the voices of slaves, men whose have never known the exhilaration of personal freedom. An American patriot, Patrick Henry, one of the Founding Fathers said, “Give me liberty or give me death.” Liberty is not easily won, nor is it inexpensive. Rather it is very costly and especially so for those who pay for it with their own blood.

To experience the liberties of the Christian life the believer too must pay a price. “If any one desire to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24). Yes, Christian liberty comes with a cost, but the alternative is unthinkable – “for it would have been better to serve the Egyptians.” American liberty was purchased in our beginnings, but every successive generation must add its own dues to ensure a continuing liberty. As Christians, we too must “pay” our own dues. Yes, Jesus paid the full and complete price for our liberty from sin and it’s nature, but we too must be ever vigilant to “stand fast in the liberty, wherewith Christ has set us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” (Galatians 5:1).

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