

**General Topics :: There were two trees in the garden?****There were two trees in the garden? - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/6/8 1:35**

Has anyone ever read "There were two trees in the garden" by Rick Joyner? If so could you give me some feed back m y dad just read it and said it was amazing and a must read.

Re: There were two trees in the garden? - posted by enid, on: 2010/6/8 3:20

I have heard of the book, but never read it.

I have read another book by Joyner that someone gave me.

It ended up in the trash.

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/6/8 3:55

Could you give me the reason why it went into the trash?

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2010/6/9 11:14

I can't exactly remember the title of the book, either "The Sword and the Torch, or vice versa.

He was talking about visions that he had, and used very little scripture to verify what he was saying.

I mean, how can you verify a vision anyhow?

He spoke like God had shown him things that no one else, not even the apostle Paul knew about.

I just saw it as fiction. And I've read better fiction than that.

Besides, I had a bias against Joyner before I was given the book. Which the sister that gave me the book obviously did not know, or she would never had given me the book.

Don't think this helps, but, that's why I threw the book away.

Re: There were two trees in the garden? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/6/9 12:39

Art Katz has a sermon titled, "There were two trees," I encourage you to listen that one.

First, Zac Poonen says that anyone who sells anything we need to be wary of them and Mr. Joyner sells quite a bit from his ministry. Secondly, I've lost a LOT of respect for Mr. Joyner since He said Todd Bentley was a-ok and ready to preach again; ALL WITHOUT ever really saying why he was put under a restoration process in the first place??? Was it the adultery or the angels or all the shenanigans?

I had a friend that had a great ministry but she got into the middle of a church split and I had to ask her, "The Lord wants to know why you've taken sides." She couldn't answer and the church split ensued. I never sat under her ministry again.

I'm just very wary if I even think a ministry is tainted and (for me) Mr. Joyner's already got two taints against him.

You have to do what the Lord tells you to do, Matt!

God bless you,

***edited for clarity

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Re: - posted by Axe1338, on: 2010/6/9 16:52

Rick Joyner endorsed Todd Bentley, need I say more?

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2010/6/9 17:56

<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/joyner.html>

Copy and paste in the address bar it will take you a website that has done an analysis of Joyner's teachings....

Re: There were two trees in the garden?, on: 2010/6/9 22:08

I've read two of Rick Joyner's books entitled, "The Vision" which encompassed two of the books, "The Final Quest" and "The Call".

I enjoyed the readings. I gleaned what I saw as truth.

Enid, the first poster of this thread said that there was little scripture used to support it, I beg to differ. Chapter and verse may not be mentioned but in reading it you do see it.

As the book you're looking into, "There were two trees in the garden", I have not read it.

The website you posted about deceptions in the Church, you have to take that website with a grain of salt. Not everyone that they say is a heretic is a heretic. But it's good to have that information all collected at one place for one to come to their own conclusions.

Here is an excerpt from Rick Joyner's book "The Final Quest". In his vision he is walking through a hall where he stands before a selection of ministers that have died in the Lord to speak to him about the ministry, their failures and shortcomings.

He is speaking to a man that he greatly admired. He enjoyed his writings and gleaned much from it, but he said that he missed God on many occasions and pride rose up in him and in the end lost his reward but was saved just the same. He continues.....

"Had I sought the Lord Himself instead of the knowledge about Him, I could have successfully led many thousands which would have resulted in many more millions of being here now. Anyone who understands the true nature of authority would never seek it. They would only accept it when they knew they were yoked with the Lord, the only One who can carry authority without stumbling. Never seek influence for yourself, but only seek the Lord and be willing to take His yoke. My influence did not feed your heart, but rather your pride in knowledge"

Joyner says, "How can I know that I am not doing the same?" I asked as I began to think of my own writings.

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, not men," he replied as he walked back into the ranks. Before disappearing he turned, and with the slightest smile offered one last bit of advice: "And do not follow me".

Every time I read that I always think that he was speaking to Matthew Henry.

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Re: There were two trees in the garden? - posted by jimp, on: 2010/6/10 1:04

hi, your dad was correct.jimp the perfect among us need to read it for sure.

Re: There were two trees in the garden? - posted by Theophila (), on: 2010/6/10 8:10

Like others, I've read some of Mr Joyner's other books but not the one you ask about.

Here's what I think:

He's got some grains of truth. However, there was such disquiet within me after reading his books that I thought it best to 'let sleeping dogs lie'.

May the Lord continue to lead you and all of His own. Amen

Re: There were two trees in the garden? - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/6/10 8:19

I think my problem with this is that I am just enjoying the Word of God so much and just soaking that in, I don't want to risk drinking poison. My dad sometimes reads something that clicks in his spirit or gets him excited and then he naturally proclaims it to be full gospel. The only two books that I have read that have really spoke to me other than the bible is The Pilgrim's Progress and The Holy War both by John Bunyan. I haven't decided if I am going to read it or not but I will definitely be in prayer about it. Thank you all for your input I really appreciate you taking the time to let me know what you think.

God Bless,
Matthew

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2010/6/10 9:36

Quote:
-----Joyner quote: He is speaking to a man that he greatly admired. He enjoyed his writings and gleaned much from it, but he said that he missed God on many occasions and pride rose up in him and in the end lost his reward but was saved just the same.

What kinda nonsense is this he lost his reward but was saved.

What does he mean that there are two types of salvation with the rewards and salvation without rewards. So the man he meet in his vision was in heaven but being punished. Come on do you really believe this man.....

What should get your attention is this

Quote:
-----Joyner said: In his vision he is walking through a hall where he stands before a selection of ministers that have died in the Lord to speak to him about the ministry, their failures and shortcomings.

So he openly declares that he talks to dead people.

The Old Testament term for communicating with the dead is "necromancy." Deuteronomy 18:10-12 For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD.

Do you really believe that something that God thinks is detestable he would allow Rick Joyner to do.

Well...

2 Thesalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders

2 Thesalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.....

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Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/6/10 10:40

This is what Joyner is probably referring to 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

"10By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15If it is burned up, he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames."

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/6/10 10:43

hi, i can hear your opinion based on ignorance (without reading the book)and i hear people yelling crucify Him...all of your fury is misplaced...the book 2 trees is a great book and not an allegory like the vision.it compares the tree of the knowledge of good and evil(RELIGION) with the tree of life (relationship with Jesus) thru the scriptures.jimp p.s. he is at the Bema seat judgement

Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2010/6/10 11:20

Quote:

-----by snufalapus on 2010/6/10 10:08:26

I've read two of Rick Joyner's book entitled, "The Vision" which encompassed two of the books, "The Final Quest" and "The Call".

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Hi,

I have read the whole "Vision" trilogy (the third book is called "The Torch and the Sword" and was very impressed by them, but...

I read these books at a time before I learned the importance of true biblical discernment, and had a firm understanding of the kindness and severity of God. I cannot tell you, from my own experience, exactly what it is about Joyner's books that I take issue with, but I know that I feel at danger when I consider some of the things that I was exposed to through them.

I will, however recount something that I heard Art Katz say when he was in Australia. He talked about Joyner, in his characteristic way of using him as an example, without actually saying who he was talking about, but if you knew the story, you could figure out who it was (there were other times during the conference that he named Joyner by name, but this wasn't one of them).

He spoke of a certain "man of the hour" who wrote of meeting the Apostle Paul, in a vision, and that Paul expressed to him the things that he had gotten wrong, in his own life, but then assured the author that he would get those things right, in his place. Katz sighted this as an example of how those of the modern "apostle and prophet" movement subtly set themselves above reproach, by endorsing each other in a "incestuous arrangement", whereby the prophet declares the apostolic calling over the apostle, who then endorses the prophetic call by apostolic decree.

There is much presumption in the Vision trilogy, even insinuating that there is a "second prize" heaven for those who fall short, and redefining the function of the "sword of the spirit", as a something other than a weapon. While I agree that there is much insight to be gleaned from Joyner's books, one must ask themselves "At what cost"? I can receive spiritual input by reading any book, even the works of Karl Marx, Anton LaVey, George Orwell, and Steven Hawking, for example. But the question is, would I recommend a book like the "The Communist Manifesto" for someone's edification? Of course not. Can I trust that the person that I recommend such a book to will apply the necessary scrutiny to not be tarnished by such a work? If I can't, then the responsibility for the harm that would be produced by reading such a work would rest squarely on my shoulders.

As mentioned earlier, there are many that have dealt responsibly with the theme of the two trees in the garden. Art Katz had two sermons that dealt with the same theme that Joyner presents in his book, which are very good.

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(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid3340>) There were two trees in the Garden - Part 1
(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid3341>) There were two trees in the Garden - Part 2

(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid2761>) Be Ye Perfect

Why would someone want to choose to drink from a stagnant pool, when there is a fresh stream nearby? I hope this helps.

Re: The fruit of the harvest is the fruit of the two trees., on: 2010/6/10 12:25

RICK JOYNER - MORNINGSTAR MADNESS

Video made by vinnieActs2030: ...beware...very disturbing stuff.

You decide which tree Rick Joyner may have been eating from.