

The Governor and the Chicken Lady

John 5:19-30

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1. in surrender to the will of the Father. v19-23, Mark 3:35, Acts 16:6–7
2. through faith into new life. v24-26, Ephesians 2:8–9, Titus 3:5-6,
3. as the Son of Man who executes judgment. v27-30, Luke 9:26, 12:8

Colossians 2:8-10

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

God has work to do in this world; and to desert it because of its difficulties and entanglements, is to cast off His authority. It is not enough that we be just, that we be righteous, and walk with God in holiness; but we must also serve our generation, as David did before he fell asleep. God has a work to do; and not to help Him is to oppose Him.

~John Owen~

1616 – 1683 an English Puritan Nonconformist Congregational Minister, theologian, author, and vice-chancellor of the University of Oxford. Still widely read by Christians today, and is known particularly for his writings on sin and human depravity.