

Rachel Held Evans, Influential “Christian” Feminist Egalitarian, Dead at 37

0 upvotes | 4 May, 2019 | by OsmiumZulu

<https://pulpitandpen.org/2019/05/04/heretical-author-rachel-held-evans-dead-at-age-37/>

For those who stand up for biblical definitions of manhood, womanhood, and family, it is difficult to imagine a more outspoken or widespread speaker against God’s design.

While it would have been a great glory for her to have repented of her false teaching and bend the knee in obedience to God, we know that God’s will is his own to carry out and we can be grateful that God has removed dangerous false teacher from further leading men and women astray.

Let this serve as a reminder that youth is no protection against the designs of God. There is no better time than now to turn to Him in faith.

Archived from theredarchive.com

Comments

Red-Curious • 16 points • 5 May, 2019 01:11 AM*

My thoughts are always mixed at these types of things. On the one hand, we have passages like ...

Ezekiel 33:11 - "As I live," says the Lord God, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live."

Ezekiel 18:23 - "Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord God, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

Proverbs 17:17-18 - "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away his wrath from him."

But then we have passages like ...

Psalm 58:10 - "The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked."

Proverbs 14:32 - "The wicked is banished in his wickedness, but the righteous has a refuge in his death."

Proverbs 11:10 - "When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish, there is shouting."

I suppose there is cause for both reactions. Any exegetical thoughts on how to distinguish when rejoicing in these types of things is appropriate and not?

[deleted] • 9 points • 5 May, 2019 02:11 AM

Hmm. I think it's fine to be happy when we can suppress bad ideas or at least combat them with our consciousness. However, when a woman dies and has a husband, 2 kids, and they now must deal with the pain and suffering of losing their mother - I just don't think that's the best thing to celebrate her dying.

But hey, maybe that's just me. I will let God judge and if He condemns them then that is just. I guess you can find a verse for anything. When I pray, and seek God's spirit I don't find joy in their suffering.

lololasaurus • 0 points • 5 May, 2019 03:01 AM

No, you can't find a verse for "anything". And no one is celebrating the death of the wicked, per se. It is a moment of reverence, awe, and thankfulness for many things. Sorrow for the one who went into eternity without the imputed righteousness of Christ, unless she repented.

It is the same for the death of all unbelievers. But in her case she has earned more notoriety than most.

[deleted] • -1 points • 5 May, 2019 05:07 AM*

No, you can't find a verse for "anything"

lol. Not everything is literal. I would try to rationally explain what I meant, but it's probably wasted if you didn't understand the first statement.

You:

Can you find a verse that says Jesus was a devil worshiper!? SEE!

Don't let me stop you from rejoicing in someone's unfortunate death (or wait, I guess you would call

it a fortunate death?). Hopefully her children don't google you having a good laugh about their mom dying. I do think that saying you're grateful God removed someone from earth is... it's not really sorrow.

we can be grateful that God has removed a dangerous false teacher

anyway, good luck with this - this is a strange group.

lololasaurus • 4 points • 5 May, 2019 05:23 AM

Respectfully, I think it is you that is not understanding why I said that. I do grasp your meaning, I think.

You can find verses that seem to lean one way or the other. But we aren't looking for verses that support what we want to assert, or we shouldn't be at least. That's eisegesis; we want to properly exegete the text instead, which means it's all relevant and all must be understood in harmony with itself.

It is without a doubt a tragedy that this woman died. For her family. Her husband. And most of all for herself, because if she died as she lived, as most men do, I fear there was no love for the Christ of the scriptures, the Christ sitting at the right hand of the Father, Christ as he actually exists. I hope I am wrong, sincerely, despite the assistance she has given those who hate God in forming a religion that is not Christianity, but trying to highjack the label Christianity and apply it to her false religion.

And therein is the core of all this. No one is delighted she's entered eternity unwilling to bend knee to God as he has chosen to reveal himself to us in scripture. That is fearful, and terrible; for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, and our God is a consuming fire. But unlike most other unbelievers that you can hope and pray that maybe there was a spark of faith there, she has made a life work out of making it clear that she has no love for the word obedience, or honor for Father-rule. Honestly from the way she tweeted, she'd probably be honored that patriarchy guys like me don't consider her a believer.

Hope that makes sense.

[deleted] • 1 point • 5 May, 2019 05:53 PM*

I don't approve of the gratitude in someone dying. It appears that even the group think of this small fraction of RPChristians doesn't even agree with it (currently has zero upvotes and a very low upvote percentage).

That was the bottom line. I know we can skirt around it and attempt to act like there is remorse but this was brought up in an insensitive way and even posters were asking if we should rejoice in her death or not... so they sentiment was communicated. I just stay up on red pill topics and occasionally visit this site (I actually find the secular red pill more thoughtful and helpful now) - regardless, I do appreciate posters like DeepStrength who wrote a book that I purchased.

There is too much weird stuff in this forum - including posting about how grateful you are that a 30 year old mother of 2 died. Then the question, "hmm, should we rejoice in her death or not? Can someone find scripture on this?"

These are frankly - disturbing ideas and I can say that I hope, even in my disagreements with everyone, I would not celebrate or rejoice if they died and left 2 kids without a parent. It's just wrong - but maybe only I am convicted of this and the OP and some on this forum can find a

bible verse that says, "rejoice when the wicked fall" and somehow take that to mean we should rejoice at this woman's unfortunate passing. Sorry, I won't join in. I don't even think the deep analysis of considering why this could be a proper way to behave is worthwhile. Anyway, good luck.

It's interesting, at the time of this reply, my post calling this post classless has 10 upvotes (on par with the ring leader Red Curioius who has every mod upvote all his posts), the original post itself has zero upvotes. Which is impressive considering half of the mods were trying to ban me at one point. Should show you how off base and judgemental / evil this post is.

This mom died "Amen and Amen"... what? You guys are shameful.

RedPillWonder • 5 points • 6 May, 2019 08:13 AM

Bobby, a lot of your writing reminds me of the old saying in detective work "You formed a conclusion from the very beginning, and the only evidence you see from then on is what supports your conclusion."

And sometimes, you make things up out of whole cloth.

Here's one example:

| on par with the ring leader Red Curioius who has every mod upvote all his posts

I'm sincerely curious, why did you decide to make this up?

Because I've been here from the beginning, and u/Red-Curious hasn't done anything of the sort.

In fact, if anything, it's the opposite. He seems to thrive on opposing viewpoints, encourages respectful debate and disagreement and doing something like you suggest would be so out of character for him it's ridiculous.

But to be unequivocally clear, no, he has never done what you stated. There is no super secret agreement (with cool decoder rings) where we upvote each other's posts. Alas, not even comments are included!

And the Lord knows I could use some help, as I might be the least popular mod haha

But seriously brother, I encourage you to think on all of this more. Our standard is the Bible, and we abide by that, and we give scriptural references for our thoughts and ideas.

If you disagree or think we have an incorrect interpretation, share that!

With chapter and verse, preferably, so it's not just a womanly "feelz" thing but based on clear biblical references and logic.

You keep saying there is rejoicing in a woman's death.

Where, specifically?

The "rejoicing," if there is any, is that bad things that were happening because of a person are no longer happening. That people won't be hurt anymore from her teachings.

It has already been noted by others (which you seem to readily dismiss) but God could have restrained her in ways other than death.

We don't rejoice (as Red Curious noted in the scriptures he shared above) in anyone's death. We rejoice, if you want to call it that, in that bad things aren't happening anymore because God decided on an action and carried it out.

To sum up, it's not the death, it's the deliverance from false teachings that can and do

cause great harm that makes people grateful to God in this instance.

I can not speak for this community as a whole, but I think I'm on very solid ground in speaking for the mods in saying we would have rejoiced with great rejoicing if this woman repented and taught biblical truth.

Short of that, we would have strongly preferred that God restrained her in other ways, but kept her alive so that she could continue being a mom and be given a great space for future repentance.

But God chose otherwise. We don't question that.

But you come here and try and paint this community (and sometimes specific individuals) with untruths and other things that are unhelpful, unwise and undesired.

You made comments before (on one of my posts, I believe) about how some of the things written in this community were no different than what you could find on secular RP! You were judgmental about this.

And yet now you say:

I actually find the secular red pill more thoughtful and helpful now

Which is it, Bobby?

You are like a double minded man, unstable in all his ways, to quote a verse.

But it doesn't end there.

You've talked before (on one of your numerous previous accounts, since deleted) how we should be about love and not judgmental and not attack others and their comments, and yet here you are saying this:

Should show you how off base and judgemental / evil this post is.

and

You guys are shameful.

Practice what you preach, Bobby.

Or don't be surprised when people label you a hypocrite.

Get in the Word, grow up and go make a difference.

I do think you have a lot to offer.

I hope one day you fulfill that potential.

SkimTheDross • 2 points • 6 May, 2019 08:43 AM

It appears that even the group think of this small fraction of RPChristians doesn't even agree with it

You're over reaching here. Don't assume everyone agrees when someone posts.

lololasaurus • 1 point • 5 May, 2019 07:21 PM

Shrug. Not worth arguing with you over.

Red-Curious • 4 points • 6 May, 2019 04:58 AM

Good on you - not sure why you got downvoted for ending a fruitless debate.

But let me add one more note: when Satan will be vanquished, it will be terrifying and tragic for all the fallen angels who supported him and his cause. Does this mean Christians should not rejoice in this?

That's not to say this woman was the devil - the point is simply that if there's an extreme example where rejoicing in the fall of an enemy of God, then there's a line somewhere over which it's okay to rejoice in these things. Where is that line?

From there, I don't buy the whole "she had kids, therefore this must be viewed as a tragedy and not a win for God's Kingdom" argument. Sure, from her kids' perspective, this is a grave loss. But her kids aren't the center of the universe. We're not meant to view all things in the world through their eyes. This is a highly liberal and emotionalist approach to the situation. In reality, we are to view things through God's eyes.

Didn't God know the day she would die? Did he not have the ability to spare her if it would have pleased him to do so? And yet he didn't. Does God not love her children every bit as much as he loved her and every one of us? Perhaps God rejoices because her children are less likely to be led astray - I don't know. All I'm saying is that we can't use her kids as pawns to guilt people into having a particular emotional reaction.

We must view the situation through God's eyes and no one else's.

Tag: /u/OsmiumZulu

lololasaurus • 1 point • 6 May, 2019 05:19 AM*

I agree with everything you said (I thought about picking Saddam Hussein instead of Satan to make a similar point - while avoiding Godwin's law - before deciding this wasn't a good use of my time) - but I also offer Psalm 11:5 for consideration for those who care, not trying to reopen the argument.

Some would argue that she was a believer, that she was saved and God loves her. And in a common grace sort of way, well, sure. For God so loved the world.. but she was a false teacher. She led many astray from the way of our King.

The second chapter of Peter talks about people like her (note the bit about despising authority in verse 10), and let me tell you this thread is tame in comparison to that chapter. I encourage anyone tempted to overly soften their words about RHE to read that chapter.

Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. 2 Peter 2:3 ESV

[deleted] • 21 points • 4 May, 2019 11:42 PM

Hmm, I'm all for criticizing ideas, especially feminism which is among the most toxic of ideas-

However, It's classless to criticize someone after they die. Especially so young. So I can't support this type of post. It's more sad than it is celebratory.

This isn't the best way.

rocknrollchuck • 10 points • 5 May, 2019 12:53 AM

Amen. Death is a great reminder to get right with God through trusting in Christ for salvation and turning from your sins. For anyone who is not sure they are born again, or if you have questions, my inbox is always open.

jedijeff7 • 3 points • 16 May, 2019 04:53 AM

Isn't "christian feminist" an oxymoron ? Like vegan carnivore ?

My understanding is that egalitarianism is the teachings of Balaam, feminists are the dogs who ate Jezebels body.

OsmiumZulu[S] • 1 point • 16 May, 2019 05:12 AM

It is an oxymoron, but a useful description nonetheless.

lololasaurus • 5 points • 5 May, 2019 12:36 AM

Wow. This is a good reminder to ever walk in the fear of God. I am glad that this wicked woman will not be actively doing damage to the Church anymore, but it is sobering, and horrible, and a matter of reverence to God to think about, for what do we have that we were not given by God? Including our faith?

May all of us persevere, fear God, always bend knee to Him before man (and woman), and remember our adoption as children of the Father.

redwall92 • 1 point • 6 May, 2019 08:19 PM

I'll weigh in here with my personal perspective. I don't upvote, celebrate, or anything similar at this point when somebody dies. I know that in the end of all things, we will celebrate God's judgement and the like with the saints in a correct and holy way. However ...

My wife left Christianity a couple years ago. And from my perspective, she was just as much 'in' the flock as I am (again ... from my perspective).

This has shaken me to the roots.

With somebody like Rachel Evans ... it might be a lot easier to try and parse some fine nuances of her actions and different interpretations of Scripture and several applications of the Bible and try to explain if she's 'in' or 'out' for good. But in the end, it seems like she was 'in' at some point. And from some people's parsing, she ended her stay in the body that is now in the ground as 'not in' which means she's 'out' in some people's view. I do believe that God's view is all that matters in the end. But we don't know God's view, do we?

That said, it's a lot easier to parse out what Rachel Evans' eternal destination is at this point than it is to talk about my wife's.

There are many promises of scripture that seem to indicate that once a Rachel is in, then she's in, and it's not just Rachel's actions that guarantee she stays in. And I don't know how to parse those promises anymore. It seems like either there's a God who doesn't keep His promises ... which I believe is a bunk idea to start with. But the opposite seems to turn these particular promises into promises that have no meaning, promises that are so impersonal as to have no real application in our current experience of life.

If Rachel Evans was 'in' at some point. What happened? Is the answer 'she was never REALLY in' the best answer Christianity has?

Anybody have some light to shed on this side of life?

OsmiumZulu[S] • 2 points • 6 May, 2019 08:22 PM

I am at work and can't reply more fully, but I believe 1 John 2:19 is relevant here:

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

redwall92 • 2 points • 6 May, 2019 08:31 PM

Yeah ... familiar with that one. I find no comfort there.

Again .. highly personal for me. But that verse basically seems to make the promises of endurance or the holding of God empty promises until somebody dies with their endurance or perseverance in tact.

And I'm not trying to debate anything here. I've been searching for comfort for a while now. Church is a difficult place for me to be. The preaching of the Word is a difficult thing for me to hear. And from my perspective, this all comes to a head because of my wife's being 'not of us' at this point. And I don't know what to do with this.

I can kind of imagine Paul weeping over Israel and their forsaking of Jesus as the Savior. I can kind of imagine Jesus weeping over the Jews and their actions showing their lack of faith. But I don't know how to put that into my life and simply weep for my wife while still holding on to other promises of God in the Bible while these promises of endurance or perseverance are not real, meaningful promises.

lololasaurus • 2 points • 7 May, 2019 02:16 PM

I'm in the same spot.

Where there's life there's hope. I ache for you, brother, because I know the heartache of your own wife doing this. Where there is life, there is hope. Christians backslide. Some were simply not Christians. I pray for my wife every morning and ask the Lord to convert her or simply convict her and grant her repentance if I have discerned wrongly that she is an unbeliever.

I desperately want my wife "in". We should. But in my own mind... I don't know the behavior you've seen from your wife, but my wife claims to be a believer while openly arguing against scripture and I'm talking creed level stuff, not some esoteric reformed doctrine "by good and necessary consequence" that doesn't particularly matter to salvation. I can't compromise scripture to affirm a false salvation by a God that's been redefined to look an awful lot like herself, ya know what I mean?

RHE was a false teacher, not just a doubting Christian, or a backslidden Christian. 2 Peter 2 talks about this. It's scary, and a good reminder to us fathers to be careful what we teach our children and wives.

But all that said, brother, I really do ache for you. I think there has been nothing as difficult for me in life as when I realized my wife simply doesn't love the God of scripture. But like me, you can remember that where there is life there's hope. It's not too late. Pray for her. Show her the love of Christ. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Remember 1 Corinthians 7. She is sanctified because she is married to a believer. Yes salvation is still individual, but God works through people like you. Ask him to use you to convert her. Ask him to convert her friends and use them to convert her. Go big. If he would save the likes of you and me, maybe he'll bring those we love in too. Because he's a loving Father who loves to give things to his adopted children who he loves.

I am going to add you and your wife to my prayers, too.

SteelSharpensSteel • 1 point • 8 May, 2019 10:24 PM

So what's the story here - do you have specific examples that she was a outspoken or opponent of God's design?

OsmiumZulu[S] • 3 points • 8 May, 2019 10:56 PM

"In her testimony, Butterfield describes leaving behind her partner, her feminism, and her liberalism to become a Christian, married to a man. "As a leftist, lesbian professor, I despised Christians," she said. "Then I somehow become one!"

Her story left me feeling unsettled the moment I read it, not because I didn't believe Butterfield, but because

I didn't like that she drew a dichotomy between liberalism and Christianity, feminism and Christianity, and lesbianism and Christianity...as if converting to Christianity requires leaving all those other things behind too." - source

A collection of examples: here

SteelSharpensSteel • 1 point • 8 May, 2019 11:04 PM

Thanks.

shootinstraight88comment score below threshold • -5 points • 5 May, 2019 02:50 PM

A zdx ca