

III. FATALISM vss. 21-25...V.23,,, the warring, and the winner is the law of sin.

Make peace with defeat.

"I'll hold it w/ you preacher!" Baylor student -
Repeated failure led to frustration.

Way out of the wilderness is to reject this and realize there's more... Personal testimony. I was a successful pastor, successful like a reducing aid salesman.

The Defeat that follows Deliverance

" Failure " " Frequency

- " dark cloud of "what's the use" rises from ashes of repeated defeat
- It's Israel at the Red Sea paralyzed by panic at sight of old enemies.
- It's Israel denying around golden calf after proclaiming, "all that the Lord hath said, we will do."
- It's Peter cursing + denying after bragging, "I'll follow to death."
- It's the Sir you've thought you seen shut, knocking at ~~the~~ door & you want to let it in.

"To Run + work the law commands
yet gives me neither feet nor hands;
But better news the Gospel brings;
It bids me fly, + gives me wings."

Fatalism - But Jesus x the Supreme Judge, has ruled that law unconstitutional.

intro: Roman torture - stripping corpse to murderer's back -
communicate death to life -

Text: body of sin, fallen nature, you can't escape from it - it's always there - can't run away from yourself - Def it - use other texts
sin body of death poisons your life - makes life wretched -

- Paul had corpse on back + chapter 7 is personal record of his experience w/ this - + his is ours, we follow in his train -
a study in struggle,

1 - Failure

2 - Frustration

3 - Fatalism - wretched: "misery from exhaustion" ^{of hard labor}
the failures + frustration has exhausted him - we wear ourselves out by trying & trying, struggling to live better, reform = repeated failures, till we're exhausted, give out - forces us into fatalism
"a law" the way things are.