

I HAVE RIGHTS!

Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:15

On July 31, 2009, three Americans, Joshua Fattal (27), Sarah Shourd (32), and Shane Bauer (28) were taken into custody by Iranian border guards for crossing into Iran while hiking near the Iranian border in Iraqi Kurdistan.

At the time of their detention by Iranian troops, the three Americans were on vacation from their jobs in the region in a relatively stable, autonomous region of Iraq known as Iraqi Kurdistan. On the recommendations of locals, they hiked to see a popular local Iraqi tourist destination near the Iraq-Iran border, the Ahmed Awa waterfall.

Iran subsequently claimed the three were spies but was never able to offer any evidence to support its contention.

Sarah Shourd was released 14 months later on "humanitarian grounds." Fattal and Bauer were convicted of "illegal entry" and "espionage" two years after their arrest and each sentenced to eight years in prison, but were released on September 21, 2011. Each of the detainees was released after payment of 5 billion rial (about \$465,000 US) bail was arranged by the Sultan of Oman.

When you leave American soil and travel to another country, you now have to abide by the rules of that country. You give up your American rights to follow the laws of another country.

1. And so it is, precious saints, with the spirit world of God's kingdom and the devils.
2. All demons everywhere and at all times will operate under assigned territories.
3. When they see a saint travel like the American hikers in Iran, outside of God's assigned territory – called The Word – they will immediately seek to entrap them.
4. He wants to see you and I wander away from our adoption rights from God and into unprotected territory so we can freely release.
  1. Confusion
  2. Depression
  3. Heavy, fearful anxieties
  4. Uncontrolled anger and lust
5. Like the hikers, as long as they stay on the right side of Iran, they were free and they were safe.
6. But when they wandered, it cost them \$465,000 each and one to three years of prison time.

*Look at your neighbor and tell them, "I got rights!"*

- Last year alone Americans sued each other 512,000 times.
- At a cost of 233 billion dollars, according to the Trial Lawyers of America.
- We have more lawsuits in America than any other country in the world.
- The word on the streets is, "I've have rights – I'll call my lawyer! You're discriminating against me."
- And we bring this "I got rights" democratic attitude into our relationship with God.
- When God adopts you, He gives you a biblical constitution, a bill of rights to live by, which by the way, is higher than your civil rights!

So I want to know...I want to live and govern my life within the adoptions rights given to me by God. This comes with:

1. Certain privileges
2. Certain levels of authority

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3. Certain freedoms that I want to pay attention to so I don't give these rights up to the devil by wandering my flesh and attitude into enemy territory.

- My civil rights and my material security cannot help me against the devil when I wander my mind, my fantasies, and my passions into enemy territory. I lost my adoption rights to the territory I wander into.
- I can't fight the devil, in the spirit, with my American civil rights.
- Our U.S. Declaration of Independence states that, God Himself, bestowed our rights and liberties upon us. The entire American constitution works off the premise that all human rights are safeguarded under divine sanction. Remove God, and you also remove all claims to liberty, rights, meaning and purpose.

In other words, men and government are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights that are self-evident.

So even our current human rights have been hijacked by secular humanists. Now we scream, "I got rights!" for just about anything with no regard to the Creator's inalienable rights or our adoption rights.

I mean this "I got rights" business has gone crazy. Listen to this:

A fight over food ended in a deadly stabbing at a west Houston apartment complex Friday. Reinaldo Rivera, 38, is behind bars charged with murder. Why? He stabbed Darwin Gonzalez for taking the last piece of chicken at a drinking party with friends on November 2, 2015.

Police said Rivera and four other men were fixing dinner and drinking in an apartment at 1445 Lakeside Estates. Officials said Rivera got angry when Darwin Gonzalez, 34, took the last piece of chicken. The two men began arguing and the argument spilled out into the parking lot where fists started flying. All because Reinaldo Rivera had "rights" to that last piece of chicken.

The tragedy is when we find out we've wandered too far, it's too late. Now the devil has full rights to controlling us because we've left our adoption rights.

Everything you and I choose to do has implications to our adoption rights.

- Satan can only enter our lives when we give up legal rights. Read Luke 22:3-4. This is when the spirit of suicide began to work in Judas when he willfully gave up his adoption rights.
- Read Ephesians 4:26. Anger turns into wrath if I give up my adoption rights.
- Genesis 4:7. Cain lost his rights to govern his will.
- Matthew 10:34-35. When the man refused to forgive and hid guile from others he lost his adoption rights and began to experience torment. Read Proverbs 22:28, Proverbs 23:10.

1. Fearing God's Word with the intent to obey.

- Psalm 119:11 This is how I keep my adoption rights
- Psalm 119:67
- Psalm 119:104

There is another way we keep our authority for adoption rights. Read Isaiah 6:6-7.

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2. The live coals here is the spirit of prayer helping you and I digest God's Word. He touches my mouth so I can digest and live the Word I hide in my heart. All so I don't wander into another country.

The spirit of prayer is continual so the Word grows in me and keeps my power for adoption rights.

Sheep have four chambered stomachs for food digestion. We are sheep – we have four digestions:

1. Regurgitation of God's Word back to Him.
2. For ourselves, to grow and to be edified.
3. For others
4. For the devil

Four regurgitation cycles.

This keeps your adoption rights and satan will have no rights to you.

Read John 14:30

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