

The Axe Head

A worthy tool

- ... for construction or destruction,
- ... to preserve life or to take it,
- ... for good or for evil,
- ... for the warrior or the laborer
- ... for the man of God or the son of Belial.

The issue is not the axe head itself.
The issue lies in who is wielding it.

An axe head amounts to nothing, except someone wield it. Though the mighty axe head boasts its own glory, it is always only the servant. The glory of the axe head lies behind the wielder.

In the hands of God, the axe head must have the hole bored through to attach His handle, whereby it is driven. It is that notable handle of wood that enables the axe head to be of service in the Lord's hands.

The cross we must bare is that wooden handle that pierces us. Only as it is securely fastened, can the axe head be properly and safely used. It is that handle of the cross that God has chosen to use to drive his chosen axe heads. He only touches the axe head in His work through the handle. He firmly holds the handle while we are firmly fastened to the handle of the cross. His mighty

power is only truly transferred through that handle. If we look at that piercing handle with scorn, we only betray out utter ignorance of God's method of working with man.

Can the axe head ever wield itself? Can it ever labor for the Master apart from the Master swinging it?

Behold the axe head that flies free from the handle! It might, perchance, kill the innocent or be lost beneath the waters of the stream. From the waters of death, it can only be saved by the wood once more. It is the wood that floats above the weight of death. We must learn not to scorn being bound to the handle. All glory be to Him who wields us!

