

Which Refugees Then?

“That’s no Christian attitude!” cry the bleeding hearts to the leader of the opposition, Tony Abbott when he states his intention to turn back the boats. He had rightly pointed out that the boat people were themselves not acting in a Christian manner by stealing in the back door and jumping the queue by paying the criminal people smugglers; when the real refugees are far too poor to do so, and despair in distant camps.

But that won’t silence the compassionistas while we see people drowning. They are unable to see the big picture, that the boat people will continue to set off on their hazardous voyage until they know that there is no chance that they will be allowed in that way, and we can expect more and more drownings, for half the world wants to come to Australia, and the compassionistas are actually responsible for their deaths by encouraging them!

Like most people they are looking to treat the symptoms rather than the cause, and the cause demands an international symposium where world leaders thrash out the solutions to this problem, as far as they can.

Lacking that, Australia needs to apply the instructions in God’s word, covered in the article, ‘The Morality of Asylum’, but what about that cry, “That’s no Christian attitude”, because, at first glance those principles seem to be Old Testament principles.

Well, let’s remember that principles don’t change. Malachi 3:6, *‘For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed.’* God is a God of mercy – He wants us to take our share of genuine refugees who fulfil those biblical requirements, but is **that** New Testament Christianity? Should we really accept everyone who can climb on a leaky boat?

Bible students know that Jesus Christ will return to establish His Kingdom, first of all at Jerusalem, after defeating the armies at Armageddon. Then, those nations descending from ancient Israel will be re-gathered to Israel from the nations where they have been scattered in slavery. Notice what Christ says of those who are then allowed into Israel, Isaiah 43:6-7, *‘I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.’*

The returned Israelites see the desecrations on Temple Mount and say, *‘Our adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary. We are yours from of old; but you have not ruled over them, **they have not been called by your name,***’ NIV. All of the returned Israelites have had to pass a test before being admitted to the land of Israel. Ezekiel 20:37-38, *‘I will examine you carefully and hold you to the terms of the covenant. I will purge you of all those who rebel and revolt against me. I will bring them out of the countries where they are in exile, but they will never enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’*

They first had to accept that the returned Jesus Christ was their Lord and their God. So, whether they were black, white or yellow, they were all **spiritual Israelites** and they were **Christians**. Both these

names include the names of God, so, as they were called by His name, they fulfilled one of the requirements for entry into the land.

Jesus Christ will enforce this principle in His Kingdom. No one who worships another god will set foot in the land of Israel, to take up residence, lest the land be polluted spiritually. So, those claiming that this is not a Christian attitude are simply biblically ignorant and plain wrong!

Where then does that leave us?

Illegal immigrants should always be turned back and not allowed on shore. As was described in the 'The Morality of Asylum' article, they should be returned to their homeland and apply from there. It wouldn't be long then before the illegals stop arriving. After that selection process, we can then accept the genuine refugees, many of whom have been driven from their land for their Christian faith by extremists who have no respect for human life, or democracy.

By accepting refugees of their predominant faith, each nation would find it much easier to integrate them into society. This is nothing new and has happened many times before, most recently between Greece and Turkey and India and Pakistan, where large numbers of people were re-settled to avoid religious strife. It works.

Any other process is not Christian, on the instruction and example of Jesus Christ, and risks chaos and violence in the land, for sadly, though most refugees are fleeing the results of heathen religions, they would, if we do not assert control over our borders, inflict those results upon us.