

Priorities

While holidaying with the extended family at Second Valley this year I smiled as I listened to one of my grand-daughters recounting an event at the local seaside shop.

Accompanied by her dog on a leash, she was carrying her very cute newborn baby. A fellow customer then began a conversation about how cute her family was.

Part way through this conversation where the other customer was using such glowing terms, my grand-daughter realised this person was talking not about the baby but about the dog!

Clearly some people are absolute pet lovers – beyond anything else. But how could a fellow human being find a dog more attractive and gorgeous than a newborn baby?

Of course we are delighted with this beautiful world God has given us – its wonderful landscapes, flora, fauna, etc. But what should be our first delight?

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Matthew 22.37.

And our second priority? “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” Matthew 22.39.

To show us what that means, Jesus set the example. He poured out his love on the outcast, the downtrodden and the despairing.

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Don't miss God's great priority. He loves all mankind! See John 3.16.

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