

Look From the Place Where Thou Art

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To overcome self-doubt and achieve faith, we must fix our eyes on God and trust in His promises.

Scripture: Psalm 34:4, Psalm 121:1-2, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 14:30-31, Romans 10:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Philippians 4:13, Hebrews 12:2, James 1:6, 1 Peter 5:7

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Description

A.B. Simpson emphasizes the blessedness of faith, urging believers to overcome self-consciousness and focus solely on God rather than their own limitations. He illustrates that fear and doubt can hinder faith, comparing the journey of faith to traversing dangerous mountain passes where one must continually look up for safety. Simpson encourages a steadfast gaze on the Author of faith, advocating for a heart fixed on God without faltering or fear. By shifting our focus from ourselves and our circumstances to the Great Giver, we can fully embrace God's promises and experience true faith.

Transcript

Let us think for a moment of the blessedness of faith. Our own littleness and nothingness sometimes becomes bondage. We are so small in our own eyes we dare not claim God's mighty promises. We say: "If I could be sure I was in God's will I could trust." This is all wrong. Self-consciousness is a great barrier to faith. Get your eyes on Him and Him alone. Not on your faith, but on the Author of your faith; not with a half look, but with a steadfast, prolonged look, with a true heart and fixedness of purpose that knows no faltering, no parleying with the enemy and not a shadow of fear. When you become fearful you are almost sure to fail.

Travelers who have crossed the Alps know how dangerous those mountain passes are, how narrow the foothold, how deep the rocky ravines.

They know how necessary to safety it is that they look up continually. One downward glance into the dizzying depths might be fatal. So if we would surmount the heights of faith we must look up-look up. Take your eyes off yourself, off surrounding circumstances, off means, off gifts, and turn them to the Great Giver.

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