

Let's Not Trouble Ourselves With 'What Ifs?'

by Andrew Bonar

The sermon emphasizes the importance of consulting God continually and following His guidance, rather than relying on past experiences or worrying about 'what ifs'.

Scripture: Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 30:21, Matthew 6:34, James 1:5

Topics: "Overcoming Anxiety", "Trusting God"

Description

Andrew Bonar emphasizes the importance of relying on God's guidance rather than our past experiences when facing uncertainties. He warns against the dangers of dwelling on 'what ifs' that can lead to anxiety and distraction from God's direction. Bonar encourages believers to seek fresh counsel from God continually, just as the Israelites needed to follow the pillar of cloud during their journey. He reminds us that our own experiences are not sufficient; we must trust in God's leading to navigate life's challenges. Ultimately, the message is to focus on God's presence and guidance rather than our fears and doubts.

Transcript

"Their past experience was not of great use to the Israelites in their journeyings. They needed always to consult God. If you think you will get through anything because you got through before, you will certainly fail. You must ask fresh counsel of God and consult with him continually; and since the pillar cloud and not your own experience is your guide, see that you make it so. Perhaps some Israelite, looking on the burning all around and thinking of the scorching heat, would say, 'What if this continue? What if that friend should die? What if the little ones be worn out?' Let us follow the pillar-cloud and not trouble ourselves with 'ifs.'" (Heavenly Springs, page 19-20)

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