

Time With God

by Andrew Bonar

True power in preaching comes from a deep fellowship with God and a willingness to seek His love and blessing.

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:10, Psalm 16:11, Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 61:3, John 15:11, Romans 15:13, Galatians 5:22, Philippians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 1:2-3

Topics: "Fellowship With God", "Joy in the Spirit"

Description

Andrew Bonar emphasizes the significance of spending time with God to cultivate joy, which is a fruit of the Spirit. He reflects on his own weariness and the lack of prayer that hinders his ability to preach with power. Bonar stresses that true joy comes from fellowship with God, and that even in times of sorrow, experiencing God's love can uplift the spirit. He acknowledges the dual role of being an intercessor and a preacher, highlighting the importance of prayer in ministry.

Transcript

"The fruit of the Spirit is. . .joy. . ." (Gal. 5:22).

Preached with little freedom. Weariness of body is against me; but still more want of much prayer through the previous week. God will not let me preach with power when I am not much with Him. More than ever do I feel that I should be as much an intercessor as a preacher of the word. Also I have been taught that joy in the Spirit is the frame in which God blesses us to others. Joy arises from fellowship with Him--I find that whatever sorrow or humiliation of spirit presses on us, that should give way in some measure to a fresh taste of God's love when going forth to preach.

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