

God Accomplishes Your Surrender

by Andrew Murray

God offers to work absolute surrender in us, and we can trust Him to do so by coming to Him with a feeble desire and learning to know and trust His sovereignty.

Scripture: Exodus 9:16, Psalm 37:5, Isaiah 41:10, John 15:5, Romans 12:1, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 3:20, Philippians 2:13, Hebrews 11:8

Topics: "Surrender", "Trust in God's Power"

Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes that absolute surrender to God does not rely on our own strength but is a work that God accomplishes within us. He reassures those who fear the trials of surrender that God is willing to transform our hearts and desires, encouraging us to trust in His power to work through our weaknesses. Murray draws on biblical examples, such as Abraham, to illustrate that God prepares and raises individuals for His glory. He invites believers to approach God with their feeble desires, assuring them that God will help them become willing and able to surrender completely. Ultimately, Murray's message is one of hope, urging us to trust in God's ability to bring about our surrender and accept it as a gift to Him.

Transcript

I am sure there is many a heart that says: "Ah, but that absolute surrender implies so much!" Someone says: "Oh, I have passed through so much trial and suffering, and there is so much of the self-life still remaining, and I dare not face the entire giving of it up, because I know it will cause so much trouble and agony."

Alas! alas! that God's children have such thoughts of Him, such cruel thoughts. Oh, I come to you with a message, fearful and anxious one. God does not ask you to give the perfect surrender in your strength, or by the power of your will; God is willing to work it in you. Do we not read: "It is God that worketh in us, both to will and to do of his good pleasure"? And that is what we should seek for -- to go on our faces before God, until our hearts learn to believe that the everlasting God Himself will come in to turn out what is wrong, to conquer what is evil, and to work what is well-pleasing in His blessed sight. God Himself will work it in you.

Look at the men in the Old Testament, like Abraham. Do you think it was by accident that God found that man, the father of the faithful and the Friend of God, and that it was Abraham himself, apart from God, who had such faith and such obedience and such devotion? You know it is not so. God raised him up and

prepared him as an instrument for His glory.

Did not God say to Pharaoh: "For this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power"?

And if God said that of him, will not God say it far more of every child of His?

Oh, I want to encourage you, and I want you to cast away every fear. Come with that feeble desire; and if there is the fear which says: "Oh, my desire is not strong enough, I am not willing for everything that may come, I do not feel bold enough to say I can conquer everything" -- I pray you, learn to know and trust your God now. Say: "My God, I am willing that Thou shouldst make me willing." If there is anything holding you back, or any sacrifice you are afraid of making, come to God now, and prove how gracious your God is, and be not afraid that He will command from you what He will not bestow.

God comes and offers to work this absolute surrender in you. All these searchings and hungerings and longings that are in your heart, I tell you they are the drawings of the divine magnet, Christ Jesus. He lived a life of absolute surrender, He has possession of you; He is living in your heart by His Holy Spirit. You have hindered and hindered Him terribly, but He desires to help you to get hold of Him entirely. And He comes and draws you now by His message and words. Will you not come and trust God to work in you that absolute surrender to Himself? Yes, blessed be God, He can do it, and He will do it.

God not only claims it and works it, but God accepts it when we bring it to Him.

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