

The Most Weak and Unfit Instruments

by Anne Dutton

The Lord can take the weakest and most unfit instruments to do great work, and He abundantly supplies all their needs to answer His great designs.

Scripture: Zechariah 4:6, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 2:8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 4:11

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Description

Anne Dutton preaches a powerful message on the calling of God for ministry, reassuring the preacher of God's ability to strengthen the weak and unworthy vessels He chooses for His work. She emphasizes that God's sovereignty is displayed in selecting the least and most unfit individuals to showcase His boundless grace and to prevent any boasting in human abilities. Through the imagery of being clothed in Christ's righteousness and empowered by His Spirit, she encourages the preacher to rely on God's provision and guidance for effective ministry, reminding them that all grace and strength come from Him alone.

Transcript

Dear Sir,

I am glad you can say, concerning the work of the ministry, "My God would have me go, and go I must." And though you think yourself to be the weakest and vilest of all the Lord's people, and the least and most unworthy of all His ministers, and that you are not fit to preach the gospel, yet, since the Lord spoke by His blessed word to your heart, and persuaded you that it was His mind you should engage in this great work, fear not, for out of weakness you shall be made strong. Your iniquity your great High Priest has caused to pass from you, and He has clothed you with change of clothing--with the glorious robe of His righteousness--having taken off your own filthy garments; and a fair mitre will be set upon your head, or put a fresh beauty and glory upon you in your work, as you are therein made a priest unto God by the Lamb's blood.

And, remember, that the Lord is a Sovereign, and that He may take the least and last, the most unfit and unworthy of all, to send about this great work, the more to exalt the infinite freedom of His boundless grace, to display its exceeding riches, to His endless praise, by men and angels, and to exclude all creature-boasting--that no flesh should glory in His presence. Say, therefore, with your once-rejoicing Lord, "I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes; even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight."

And when God sends the most weak and unfit instruments to do great work, He does not leave them to their own weakness and unfitness, but abundantly supplies all their needs, according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ--Himself the great, all-wise, and almighty agent, takes them into His own hand, and effectually works by them to answer His great designs. The servants of Christ in the ministry do not "go to war at their own expense;" they do not, should not, go to that great work in 'their own little strength', but abide in Christ by faith for the continual supplies of His Holy Spirit, to fit them for, and carry them through, all their appointed service, to the glory of God, the good of souls, and their own present and eternal bliss. Fear not, therefore, for the Lord who sent you will certainly be with you, and you shall save Israel and smite her enemies, clad with Jehovah's might.

All supplies of sin-pardoning, sin-subduing, all-assisting, and all-persevering grace are from Him, and unto His glory.

That you may be thus endued with power from on high, is my hearty desire.

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