

We Cry to You, Lord God

by Ausbund

The speaker cries out to God, remembering the past unity and Gemeinschaft, and commits to staying with God despite Satan's influence and promises of restoration.

Scripture: Matthew 5:10, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Hebrews 10:34, 1 Peter 4:12

Topics: "Faith Perseverance", "Spiritual Restoration"

Description

Michael Schneider, in his sermon, reflects on the distress and persecution faced by believers who once lived in communal harmony, sharing everything and holding God's Word dear. Despite being chased away and afflicted by Satan, they remain steadfast in their faith, refusing to compromise for the return of their possessions. Schneider expresses the unwavering commitment to God, willing to endure any hardship to stay true to Him and await the promised restoration in a land free from corruption.

Transcript

We cry to you, Lord God, and tell you about our distress here in the tower and stocks into which they have put us. We used to have a nice place. You used to let us see your treasure -- that great treasure you give us in eternal life, and for which we strove. That treasure is the Gemeinschaft once held in your commune when we all lived together, keeping your Word in such a way that not one false person could stand to live among us. We held all things in common. No one said, "This is mine alone." We shared everything. . . .

Your children were glad to live this way but Satan did not leave them alone. . . . He chased them away from it and now afflicts them without mercy, saying, "Stand off from this heresy, this error and mob action which has led you astray. Stand off and we will let you live. We will return your goods to you." But oh God, we do not want to do that. Even if it should cost us our hides and hair, our bodies, our children and wives, we will stay with you.

You will give us everything again in the land into which you will lead those of us who touch no unclean thing and who have not allowed ourselves to be led astray.

-- Michael Schneider, Auspitz, written in the prison in Passau, Ausbund, 1564 edition

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