

A Football to Be Kicked From Man to Man

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon emphasizes the importance of feasting on the Word of God and communion with the Lord Jesus, rather than quibbling and debating over religious controversies.

Scripture: Psalm 119:103, Matthew 4:4, John 6:35, Hebrews 5:12, 1 Peter 2:2

Topics: "The Word of God", "Spiritual Nourishment"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the futility of religious debates and controversies, comparing them to two doctors arguing over food while a farmer enjoys his meal. He encourages believers to focus on the nourishment found in the Word of God rather than engaging in fruitless arguments. Spurgeon highlights that while questioning Scripture can be valuable, treating it as a mere topic for debate is irreverent. He urges readers to study and feast on the truth of Scripture, finding joy in communion with Jesus rather than in disputes. Ultimately, he calls for a shift from arguing to truly consuming the spiritual food that God provides.

Transcript

Two learned doctors were angrily disputing the nature of food, and allowing their meal to lie untasted; while nearby, a simple farmer was eating heartily of that which was set before him.

Just so, the religious world is full of quibblers, critics, and debaters, who, like the doctors--argue over religious controversies, without profit either to themselves or others. Those are far happier, who imitate the farmer--and feed upon the Word of God, which is the true food of the soul.

Questioning with honesty and candor is not to be condemned, when the object is to "prove all things, and hold fast that which is good." But to treat Scripture as if it were a football to be kicked from man to man--is irreverence, if not worse!

Study the Word of God; lay hold upon it, and spend your time in feasting upon precious truth! Reader, argue, if you please--but remember that communion with the Lord Jesus gives infinitely more enjoyment than disputing can ever afford you. Eat--don't argue!

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