

A Very Present Help

by C.H. Spurgeon

We must not only look at covenant blessings, but also appropriate and experience them in our lives through trusting in Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 46:1, Matthew 11:28, Hebrews 4:16

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that covenant blessings are meant to be actively appropriated rather than merely observed. He urges believers to turn to Jesus in times of trouble, reminding them that He is a sympathetic friend who can provide comfort and relief. Spurgeon encourages the faithful to seek Christ for cleansing from sin, strength in weakness, and the righteousness that comes from Him. He highlights the importance of prayer and reliance on Jesus as the source of abundance and support, stressing that Christ desires to be actively engaged in our lives. Ultimately, Spurgeon calls for a simple and sincere relationship with Jesus, free from pretense and full of trust.

Transcript

Covenant blessings are not meant to be looked at only, but to be appropriated. Even our Lord Jesus is given to us for our present use. Believer, thou dost not make use of Christ as thou oughtest to do. When thou art in trouble, why dost thou not tell Him all thy grief? Has He not a sympathizing heart, and can He not comfort and relieve thee? No, thou art going about to all thy friends, save thy best Friend, and telling thy tale everywhere except into the bosom of thy Lord. Art thou burdened with this day's sins? Here is a fountain filled with blood: use it, saint, use it. Has a sense of guilt returned upon thee? The pardoning grace of Jesus may be proved again and again. Come to Him at once for cleansing. Dost thou deplore thy weakness? He is thy strength: why not lean upon Him?

Dost thou feel naked? Come hither, soul; put on the robe of Jesus' righteousness. Stand not looking at it, but wear it. Strip off thine own righteousness, and thine own fears too: put on the fair white linen, for it was meant to wear. Dost thou feel thyself sick? Pull the night-bell of prayer, and call up the Beloved Physician! He will give the cordial that will revive thee. Thou art poor, but then thou hast "a kinsman, a mighty man of wealth." What! wilt thou not go to Him, and ask Him to give thee of His abundance, when He has given thee this promise, that thou shalt be joint heir with Him, and has made over all that He is and all that He has to be thine? There is nothing Christ dislikes more than for His people to make a show-thing of Him, and not to use Him.

He loves to be employed by us. The more burdens we put on His shoulders, the more precious will He be to us.

"Let us be simple with Him, then, Not backward, stiff, or cold, As though our Bethlehem could be What Sinai was of old."

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