

And God Saw the Light

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God sees the light in our hearts and tenderly preserves it through His grace, even when we feel powerless to do so.

Scripture: Genesis 1:3, Psalm 139:12, Matthew 5:14, John 8:12, Romans 8:38-39, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Ephesians 5:8, Philippians 1:6, 2 Timothy 2:19, 1 John 1:5

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the goodness of the light that God has created and His special attention to it, noting that God sees the light in believers with pleasure and complacency. He reassures that even when believers struggle to see their own light due to sin and despair, God always recognizes it as His handiwork. This divine observation brings comfort, as it assures believers that their light is preserved by God's grace, regardless of their feelings of darkness. Spurgeon highlights that the light within is a promise of the eternal day to come, where God's glory will be fully revealed.

Transcript

This morning we noticed the goodness of the light, and the Lord's dividing it from the darkness, we now note the special eye which the Lord had for the light. "God saw the light"--He looked at it with complacency, gazed upon it with pleasure, saw that it "was good." If the Lord has given you light, dear reader, He looks on that light with peculiar interest; for not only is it dear to Him as His own handiwork, but because it is like Himself, for "He is light." Pleasant it is to the believer to know that God's eye is thus tenderly observant of that work of grace which He has begun.

He never loses sight of the treasure which He has placed in our earthen vessels. Sometimes we cannot see the light, but God always sees the light, and that is much better than our seeing it. Better for the judge to see my innocence than for me to think I see it. It is very comfortable for me to know that I am one of God's people--but whether I know it or not, if the Lord knows it, I am still safe. This is the foundation, "The Lord knoweth them that are His." You may be sighing and groaning because of inbred sin, and mourning over your darkness, yet the Lord sees "light" in your heart, for He has put it there, and all the cloudiness and gloom of your soul cannot conceal your light from His gracious eye.

You may have sunk low in despondency, and even despair; but if your soul has any longing towards Christ, and if you are seeking to rest in His finished work, God sees the "light." He not only sees it, but He also preserves it in you. "I, the Lord, do keep it." This is a precious thought to those who, after anxious

watching and guarding of themselves, feel their own powerlessness to do so. The light thus preserved by His grace, He will one day develop into the splendour of noonday, and the fulness of glory. The light within is the dawn of the eternal day.

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