

And I Looked, And, Lo, a Lamb Stood on the Mount Sion

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon emphasizes the central theme of heaven as the Lamb of God and the supreme blessing of being with Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 16:11, John 1:29, John 14:3, Romans 8:38-39, 2 Corinthians 5:8, Philipians 1:23, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Hebrews 12:2, Revelation 5:12, Revelation 21:3

Topics: "The Lamb of God", "Eternal Fellowship with Christ"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the centrality of Christ, the Lamb of God, in the heavenly realm, as revealed to the apostle John. He highlights that the Lamb is the focal point of joy and worship for all in heaven, and that believers can find solace in knowing they have seen the Lamb who takes away their sins. Spurgeon encourages Christians to rejoice in their relationship with Jesus, asserting that true heaven is being in His presence. He quotes Rutherford to illustrate that being with Christ is the essence of heaven, and without Him, even the most beautiful place would feel like hell. Ultimately, Spurgeon reassures believers that their greatest blessing is to dwell with Christ eternally.

Transcript

The apostle John was privileged to look within the gates of heaven, and in describing what he saw, he begins by saying, "I looked, and, lo, a Lamb!" This teaches us that the chief object of contemplation in the heavenly state is "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world." Nothing else attracted the apostle's attention so much as the person of that Divine Being, who hath redeemed us by His blood. He is the theme of the songs of all glorified spirits and holy angels. Christian, here is joy for thee; thou hast looked, and thou hast seen the Lamb. Through thy tears thine eyes have seen the Lamb of God taking away thy sins. Rejoice, then. In a little while, when thine eyes shall have been wiped from tears, thou wilt see the same Lamb exalted on His throne. It is the joy of thy heart to hold daily fellowship with Jesus; thou shalt have the same joy to a higher degree in heaven; thou shalt enjoy the constant vision of His presence; thou shalt dwell with Him for ever. "I looked, and, lo, a Lamb!" Why, that Lamb is heaven itself; for as good Rutherford says, "Heaven and Christ are the same thing;" to be with Christ is to be in heaven, and to be in heaven is to be with Christ. That prisoner of the Lord very sweetly writes in one of his glowing letters--"O my Lord Jesus Christ, if I could be in heaven without thee, it would be a hell; and if I could be in hell, and have thee still, it would be a heaven to me, for thou art all the heaven I want." It is true, is it not,

Christian? Does not thy soul say so?

"Not all the harps above Can make a heavenly place, If God His residence remove, Or but conceal His face."

All thou needest to make thee blessed, supremely blessed, is "to be with Christ."

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