

And They Heard a Great Voice From Heaven Saying Unto Them

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon emphasizes the importance of joyful anticipation and patient waiting for the celestial summons to come up to heaven, trusting in God's perfect timing.

Scripture: Psalm 27:14, John 14:2-3, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 5:1-2, Philippians 3:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Hebrews 11:16, James 5:7-8, 1 Peter 2:11, Revelation 4:1

Topics: "Heavenly Anticipation", "Patience in Waiting"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the joyful anticipation of believers for the heavenly call, encouraging them to look forward to the moment when they will be invited to 'come up hither.' He reminds the saints that their spirits should long for their true home in heaven, while also advocating for patience in waiting for God's perfect timing for their departure. Spurgeon reflects on the desire to do more good on earth, expressing that while the longing for heaven is strong, the work of serving God should continue until the appointed time. Ultimately, he encourages believers to find peace in either staying or going, as long as they remain in God's presence.

Transcript

Without considering these words in their prophetic connection, let us regard them as the invitation of our great Forerunner to His sanctified people. In due time there shall be heard "a great voice from heaven" to every believer, saying, "Come up hither." This should be to the saints the subject of joyful anticipation. Instead of dreading the time when we shall leave this world to go unto the Father, we should be panting for the hour of our emancipation. Our song should be--

"My heart is with Him on His throne, And ill can brook delay; Each moment listening for the voice, 'Rise up and come away.'"

We are not called down to the grave, but up to the skies. Our heaven-born spirits should long for their native air. Yet should the celestial summons be the object of patient waiting. Our God knows best when to bid us "Come up thither." We must not wish to antedate the period of our departure. I know that strong love will make us cry,

"O Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, And land us all in heaven;"

but patience must have her perfect work. God ordains with accurate wisdom the most fitting time for the redeemed to abide below. Surely, if there could be regrets in heaven, the saints might mourn that they did not live longer here to do more good. Oh, for more sheaves for my Lord's garner! more jewels for His crown! But how, unless there be more work? True, there is the other side of it, that, living so briefly, our sins are the fewer; but oh! when we are fully serving God, and He is giving us to scatter precious seed, and reap a hundredfold, we would even say it is well for us to abide where we are. Whether our Master shall say "go," or "stay," let us be equally well pleased so long as He indulges us with His presence.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/ch-spurgeon/and-they-heard-a-great-voice-from-heaven-saying-unto-them/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net