

Arise, and Depart

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon encourages listeners to look forward to their eternal home in heaven and to persevere in their faith despite the challenges of this life.

Scripture: Psalm 23:4, John 14:2

Topics: "Death", "Hope in Heaven"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the inevitability of death and the call to 'Arise, and Depart' from our earthly lives. He reflects on the uncertainty of the journey after death, acknowledging the fear that may accompany it, yet reassuring us of God's presence as we cross the 'black and stormy river' of death. Spurgeon encourages believers to look forward to the heavenly home awaiting them, a place of joy and glory where they will dwell with God forever. He urges Christians to meditate on heaven, as it provides strength to endure life's struggles and to view this world as a temporary passage to eternal bliss.

Transcript

The hour is approaching when the message will come to us, as it comes to all--"Arise, and go forth from the home in which thou hast dwelt, from the city in which thou hast done thy business, from thy family, from thy friends. Arise, and take thy last journey." And what know we of the journey? And what know we of the country to which we are bound? A little we have read thereof, and somewhat has been revealed to us by the Spirit; but how little do we know of the realms of the future! We know that there is a black and stormy river called "Death." God bids us cross it, promising to be with us. And, after death, what cometh? What wonder-world will open upon our astonished sight? What scene of glory will be unfolded to our view? No traveller has ever returned to tell.

But we know enough of the heavenly land to make us welcome our summons thither with joy and gladness. The journey of death may be dark, but we may go forth on it fearlessly, knowing that God is with us as we walk through the gloomy valley, and therefore we need fear no evil. We shall be departing from all we have known and loved here, but we shall be going to our Father's house--to our Father's home, where Jesus is--to that royal "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." This shall be our last removal, to dwell for ever with Him we love, in the midst of His people, in the presence of God. Christian, meditate much on heaven, it will help thee to press on, and to forget the toil of the way.

This vale of tears is but the pathway to the better country: this world of woe is but the stepping-stone to a world of bliss.

"Prepare us, Lord, by grace divine, For Thy bright courts on high; Then bid our spirits rise, and join The chorus of the sky."

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