

Despise Not Thy Youth

by C.H. Spurgeon

C.H. Spurgeon's sermon encourages young individuals to embrace their divine calling and trust in God's strength despite their perceived limitations.

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:6

Topics: "Divine Calling", "Youth"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that youth should not be a barrier to fulfilling God's calling, as exemplified by Jeremiah, who felt inadequate due to his age. God reassures Jeremiah that his youth does not disqualify him; rather, he is chosen to deliver God's message. Spurgeon encourages young preachers and teachers to focus on their divine commission rather than their limitations, asserting that God's strength will empower them in their mission. He reminds them that wisdom and experience are secondary to obedience and faithfulness in delivering God's word.

Transcript

Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold I cannot speak; for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. (Jeremiah 1:6-7)

Jeremiah was young and felt a natural shrinking when sent upon a great errand by the Lord; but He who sent him would not have him say, "I am a child." What he was in himself must not be mentioned but lost in the consideration that he was chosen to speak for God. He had not to think out and invent a message nor to choose an audience: he was to speak what God commanded and speak where God sent him, and this he would be enabled to do in strength not his own. Is it not so with some young preacher or teacher who may read these lines?

God knows how young you are and how slender are your knowledge and experience; but if He chooses to send you, it is not for you to shrink from the heavenly call. God will magnify Himself in our feebleness. If you were as old as Methuselah, how much would your years help you? If you were as wise as Solomon, you might be equally as willful as he. Keep you to your message, and it will be your wisdom; follow your marching orders, and they will be your discretion.

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