

Holy Foresight

by C.H. Spurgeon

Developing holy foresight allows us to see beyond present difficulties to a future of glory and triumph, trusting in God's goodness and plan for our lives.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31, Matthew 26:64, John 16:33, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 3:20-21, 2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 12:2, 1 Peter 5:10, Revelation 21:4

Topics: "Hope in Suffering", "Future Glory"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the concept of 'Holy Foresight,' encouraging believers to look beyond their current struggles and tribulations to the future glory that awaits them in Christ. He reflects on how Jesus, despite His humiliation, maintained a vision of His ultimate exaltation, urging us to adopt a similar perspective in our own lives. Spurgeon calls for courage in the face of adversity, reminding us that our present sufferings are temporary and that we should focus on the promise of future triumph. He encourages believers to find strength in the assurance of being with Christ and witnessing His glory, proclaiming, 'Nevertheless - hereafter.'

Transcript

Nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven. (Matthew 26:64)

Ah, Lord, Thou wast in Thy lowest state when before Thy persecutors Thou wast made to stand like a criminal! Yet the eyes of Thy faith could see beyond Thy present humiliation into Thy future glory. What words are these, "Nevertheless - hereafter!" I would imitate Thy holy foresight, and in the midst of poverty, or sickness, or slander, I also would say, "Nevertheless - hereafter." Instead of weakness, Thou hast all power; instead of shame, all glory; instead of derision, all worship, Thy cross has not dimmed the splendor of Thy crown, neither has the spittle marred the beauty of Thy face.

Say, rather, Thou are the more exalted and honored because of Thy sufferings.

So, Lord, I also would take courage from the "hereafter." I would forget the present tribulation in the future triumph. Help thou me by directing me into Thy Father's love and into Thine own patience, so that when I am derided for Thy name I may not be staggered but think more and more of the hereafter, and, therefore, all the less of today. I shall be with Thee soon and behold Thy glory. Wherefore, I am not ashamed but say in my inmost soul, "Nevertheless - hereafter."

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