

In My Flesh Shall I See God

by C.H. Spurgeon

The core message of this sermon is that seeing God is the sum and substance of heaven, and it is the joyful hope of all believers.

Scripture: Psalm 5:9, Proverbs 10:31, Proverbs 25:15, Matthew 12:34, Matthew 23:27

Topics: "Destructive Speech", "Power Of Tongue"

Description

The preacher delves into the significance of the Greek word 'taphos,' often used in the New Testament to refer to literal burial places but also figuratively by Paul to describe destructive speech that brings death to others. Jesus likened the religious leaders to whitewashed tombs, beautiful on the outside but full of uncleanness within. The sermon emphasizes how our words reveal the condition of our hearts, with references to Proverbs highlighting the contrast between righteous and wicked speech. The power of the tongue is explored through historical examples and the impact of words on individuals and nations.

Transcript

Mark the subject of Job's devout anticipation "I shall see God." He does not say, "I shall see the saints"--though doubtless that will be untold felicity--but, "I shall see God." It is not--"I shall see the pearly gates, I shall behold the walls of jasper, I shall gaze upon the crowns of gold," but "I shall see God." This is the sum and substance of heaven, this is the joyful hope of all believers. It is their delight to see Him now in the ordinances by faith. They love to behold Him in communion and in prayer; but there in heaven they shall have an open and unclouded vision, and thus seeing "Him as He is," shall be made completely like Him.

Likeness to God--what can we wish for more? And a sight of God--what can we desire better? Some read the passage, "Yet, I shall see God in my flesh," and find here an allusion to Christ, as the "Word made flesh," and that glorious beholding of Him which shall be the splendour of the latter days. Whether so or not it is certain that Christ shall be the object of our eternal vision; nor shall we ever want any joy beyond that of seeing Him. Think not that this will be a narrow sphere for the mind to dwell in.

It is but one source of delight, but that source is infinite. All His attributes shall be subjects for contemplation, and as He is infinite under each aspect, there is no fear of exhaustion. His works, His gifts, His love to us, and His glory in all His purposes, and in all His actions, these shall make a theme which will be ever new. The patriarch looked forward to this sight of God as a personal enjoyment. "Whom mine eye shall behold, and not another." Take realizing views of heaven's bliss; think what it will be to you.

"Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty." All earthly brightness fades and darkens as we gaze upon it, but here is a brightness which can never dim, a glory which can never fade--"I shall see God."

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