

In My Prosperity I Said I Shall Never Be Moved

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon warns against the dangers of prosperity and the importance of staying humble and grounded through trials and afflictions.

Scripture: Psalm 30:6, Psalm 119:71, Proverbs 16:18, Isaiah 48:10, Romans 5:3-5, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, 2 Timothy 3:12, Hebrews 12:11, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7

Topics: "The Dangers of Prosperity", "The Value of Affliction"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon warns against the dangers of prosperity, emphasizing that even the most devout Christians can fall into presumption when surrounded by success and comfort. He reflects on the biblical example of David, who declared, 'I shall never be moved,' and cautions that such confidence can lead to spiritual complacency. Spurgeon encourages believers to recognize the value of afflictions and challenges, as they keep us grounded and reliant on God. He asserts that without trials, we risk becoming intoxicated by pleasure and losing our awareness of spiritual dangers. Ultimately, he praises God for the lessons learned through hardship, reminding us that afflictions are often sent in mercy.

Transcript

"Moab settled on his lees, he hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel." Give a man wealth; let his ships bring home continually rich freights; let the winds and waves appear to be his servants to bear his vessels across the bosom of the mighty deep; let his lands yield abundantly: let the weather be propitious to his crops; let uninterrupted success attend him; let him stand among men as a successful merchant; let him enjoy continued health; allow him with braced nerve and brilliant eye to march through the world, and live happily; give him the buoyant spirit; let him have the song perpetually on his lips; let his eye be ever sparkling with joy--and the natural consequence of such an easy state to any man, let him be the best Christian who ever breathed, will be presumption; even David said, "I shall never be moved;" and we are not better than David, nor half so good. Brother, beware of the smooth places of the way; if you are treading them, or if the way be rough, thank God for it. If God should always rock us in the cradle of prosperity; if we were always dandled on the knees of fortune; if we had not some stain on the alabaster pillar; if there were not a few clouds in the sky; if we had not some bitter drops in the wine of this life, we should become intoxicated with pleasure, we should dream "we stand;" and stand we should, but it would be upon a pinnacle; like the man asleep upon the mast, each moment we should be in jeopardy.

We bless God, then, for our afflictions; we thank Him for our changes; we extol His name for losses of property; for we feel that had He not chastened us thus, we might have become too secure. Continued worldly prosperity is a fiery trial.

"Afflictions, though they seem severe, In mercy oft are sent."

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