

Navigating a Dangerous World

by C.H. Spurgeon

To navigate a dangerous world, one must be girt with spiritual life, maintain purity, and rejoice in suffering for Christ's sake.

Scripture: Psalm 119:165, Matthew 10:16, Luke 6:22-23, John 15:20, Romans 5:3-5, Philippians 1:29, 2 Timothy 3:12, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 2:19-20, 1 Peter 4:12-14

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the challenges of maintaining faith amidst hostility, particularly from those closest to us. He encourages believers to embody grace and purity, likening their struggle to that of David in Saul's court, where unsullied character protected him from accusations. Spurgeon urges young people facing scorn for their faith to embrace their trials as a mark of honor, rather than seeking to escape them. He calls for a deep spiritual life that enables them to withstand persecution and remain steadfast in their commitment to Christ. Ultimately, he reminds them to rejoice in suffering for the sake of their Savior.

Transcript

If you are often assailed by foes, and if those foes happen to be the men of your own household, if they jeer at your faith, if they make a jest of holiness on purpose to pain you, you will need a great deal of grace not to be ruffled. To be a dove always, to be a dove in the midst of ravens: to be a lamb always, to be a lamb in the midst of wolves, is not so easy. He must have much spiritual life who shall be able, wisely and discreetly, to behave himself in the midst of those who lie in wait to entrap him in every word that he says. Remember how David acted in the court of Saul, when Saul eyed him. Unsullied purity is the safest policy. Though Saul eyed David he could not see any fault or rake up any charge that he could bring against him.

Oh that all of you young people, especially those of you who are subjected to scorn and contempt because of your fidelity to Christ, may be doubly girt with grace, may you be, indeed, quickened to the full spiritual life, that you may stand the test of persecution and reproach, of suspicion and disparagement, of misrepresentation and slander, which is sure to come upon you. Do not pray to be rid of the grievance: rather rejoice that you are counted worthy to suffer shame for your Savior's sake.

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