

Thankful for Liberty

by C.H. Spurgeon

We should be exceedingly glad and infinitely more grateful for the privilege of worshiping God in unlimited liberty.

Scripture: Psalm 29:11, Psalm 118:24, Isaiah 26:3, John 8:36, Romans 14:17, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Galatians 5:1, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Hebrews 10:25

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon expresses profound gratitude for the liberty to worship God freely without fear of persecution or oppression. He emphasizes the privilege of gathering in peace, reflecting on the sacrifices of those who came before us, and the blessings of living in a time where worship can be conducted openly and joyfully. Spurgeon encourages believers to recognize and appreciate this freedom, urging them to bless God for the peace and safety they enjoy in their worship. He highlights the importance of being thankful for the ability to worship under one's own vine and fig tree, free from fear.

Transcript

How grateful we ought to be that we can meet together to worship God after that form which best satisfies our consciences without any fear of being hunted down by the authorities of the land.... We put none at the front door of our conventicle to watch lest the constable should come to take off worshipper and minister, that they may suffer imprisonment or fine. We worship God in unlimited liberty, and we ought to be exceedingly glad of the privilege, and infinitely more grateful for it than we are. Do we not sit every man under his own vine and fig tree, none making us afraid? Blessed is the land in which we dwell, and blessed are the days in which we live, when in all peace and quietness we worship God in public and sing his high praises as loudly as we please.

Great God of peace, thou hast given us this peace, and in remembrance of our hunted forefathers we bless thee with our whole hearts!

From a sermon by Charles Haddon Spurgeon entitled "The Peace Of God," delivered January 6, 1878

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