

That Is All They Have to Enjoy

by C.H. Spurgeon

Christians must seek their delights in a higher sphere, avoiding worldly pleasures and vain amusements that can spiritually starve them.

Scripture: Psalm 119:37, Proverbs 30:8, Ecclesiastes 1:2, Matthew 6:19-21, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 4:18, Philippians 3:19, Colossians 3:2, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15-17

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that true comfort for Christians cannot be found in worldly pleasures, which he refers to as vanity. He acknowledges that while ungodly individuals may seek happiness in earthly delights, Christians are called to seek joy in a higher, spiritual realm. Spurgeon illustrates this with the story of a godly wife who, recognizing her husband's spiritual state, strives to make his earthly life as pleasant as possible. He warns that indulging in vain amusements can lead to spiritual starvation and vulnerability to temptation. The sermon concludes with a heartfelt plea for divine assistance to turn away from vanity and lies.

Transcript

"Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity!" Psalm 119:37

No Christian enjoys comfort--when his eyes are fixed on vanity.

I do not blame ungodly men for rushing to their pleasures. Why should I? Let them have their fill. That is all they have to enjoy! A godly wife who despaired of her husband's salvation, was always very kind to him, for she said, "I fear that this is the only world in which he will be happy--and therefore I have made up my mind to make him as happy as I can in it."

Christians must seek their delights in a higher sphere--than the insipid frivolities or sinful enjoyments of the world. Vain amusements are dangerous to renewed souls. It is when the Christian departs from God, becomes spiritually starved, and endeavors to feed on vanities--that the devil discovers his vantage hour. O for grace to sincerely pray, "Remove vanity and lies far from me!" Proverbs 30:8

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