

The Lord's 'Much More'

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The Lord is able to give us more than we can lose, and we should be willing to lose for conscience' sake, for peace's sake, and for Christ's sake.

Scripture: Romans 13:11, Ephesians 5:14, 1 Peter 1:13, 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Peter 1:13

Topics: "Spiritual Renewal", "Christian Vigilance"

Description

Peter urges believers to be stirred up and awakened from spiritual lethargy, emphasizing the importance of continually refreshing their minds and stimulating their thinking to remain vigilant in the spiritual battle. He reminds them to gird their minds for action, keep sober in spirit, and fix their hope completely on the grace to be revealed in Jesus Christ. The concept of stirring up is also echoed by Paul, who calls believers to awaken from spiritual sleep and arise from the dead to walk in the light of Christ.

Transcript

And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The Lord is able to give thee much more than this. (2 Chronicles 25:9)

If you have made a mistake, bear the loss of it; but do not act contrary to the will of the Lord. The Lord can give you much more than you are likely to lose; and if He does not, will you begin bargaining and chaffering with God. The king of Judah had hired an army from idolatrous Israel, and he was commanded to send home the fighting men because the Lord was not with them. He was willing to send away the host, only he grudged paying the hundred talents for nothing. Oh, for shame!

If the Lord will give the victory without the hirelings, surely it was a good bargain to pay their wages and to be rid of them.

Be willing to lose money for conscience' sake, for peace's sake, for Christ's sake. Rest assured that losses for the Lord are not losses. Even in this life they are more than recompensed: in some cases the Lord prevents any loss from happening. As to our immortal life, what we lose for Jesus is invested in heaven. Fret not at apparent disaster but listen to the whisper, "The Lord is able to give thee much more than this."

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