

This Was His Final Verdict!

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon emphasizes that true fulfillment and satisfaction can only be found in embracing Christ and dwelling in His love.

Scripture: Psalm 107:9, Ecclesiastes 1:14, Matthew 6:19, John 15:5, Philippians 4:19

Topics: "The Vanity of Worldly Pursuits", "True Satisfaction"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that true satisfaction can only be found in the love and presence of the Lord, as illustrated by Solomon's reflections on his own pursuits, which he deemed meaningless. Despite his wealth and pleasures, Solomon concluded that everything under the sun is vanity, a mere chasing after the wind. Spurgeon urges believers not to seek fulfillment in worldly pleasures, as they ultimately lead to emptiness. Instead, he highlights that embracing Jesus and dwelling in His love brings true contentment, regardless of life's circumstances. The sermon calls for a deep reliance on Christ as the ultimate source of joy and satisfaction.

Transcript

"Behold, all is vanity!" Ecclesiastes 1:14

Nothing can fully satisfy a person--but the Lord's love and the Lord's own self. Christians have tried other pursuits--but they have been driven out of such fatal refuges.

Solomon, the wisest of men, was permitted to make experiments for us all; and to do for us--what we must not dare to do for ourselves. Here is his testimony in his own words, "So I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. I denied myself nothing my eyes desired. I refused my heart no pleasure. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind! Nothing was gained under the sun!" "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless!"

What! Is the whole of it meaningless? O favored monarch--is there nothing in all your wealth? Nothing in that wide dominion reaching from the river even to the sea? Nothing in your glorious palaces? Is there nothing--in all your music and dancing, and wine and luxury? "Nothing!" he says, "but a chasing after the wind!" This was his final verdict--after he had trodden the whole round of pleasure.

To embrace our Lord Jesus, to dwell in His love, and be fully assured of union with Him--this is all in all. Dear reader, you need not try other forms of pleasure in order to see whether they are better than Christ. If you roam the whole world--you will see no sights like a sight of the Savior's face! If you could have all the comforts of life--without the Savior, you would be most wretched. But if you possess Christ--though you should rot in a dungeon--you would find it a paradise! Though you should live in obscurity, or die with famine--yet you would be satisfied with the favor and goodness of the Lord!

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